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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

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BUREAU OF THE MINT
U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

1859: FEB. To MAY

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March 9.

Dear Sir,

The specimen enclosed in
Your letter of the 28th ult. is a piece of
melted bismuth; not an ore. It is two or three
times the value of block tin.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

J. W. Brigham Esq
Paducah,
Ky.

Paducah Ky. July 29. 59

J. R. Shewden Esq

Branch

I enclose a small
specimen of ore. Some persons have examined
it. I think ore will you be kind enough to
give me the analyses & your opinion
whether it is of any value.

I write to you most
freely for this information having
once enjoyed your acquaintance
to a limited degree ~~that~~ I was for
many years a resident of Warren
Tenn & at the time you were
appointed director of the mint

Respectfully yours
J. W. Brigham

J. W. Brigham
Paducah
Ky

Specimen
Assayer

March 9, 1857

Geneva. Feby 28th 1859

Dear Sir,

There are two young men here who have just returned from California and have say \$200. worth of gold dust, which they wish to send to the mint, and have the coin returned to them for it,

Will you please forward me any pointed or other instructions which they may need
and oblige

Yr very Rely

Chas S. Folger

Director of Mint
Philadelphia

From To
Charles F. Lyman
Geneva
N.Y.

~~Lyman~~
Brook
Maudslayi
Ford 15th
Mm

March 3, 1839

March 8, 57

Sir,

In reply to your note of 28th ult.
I have to state that all that is necessary for
your friends to do, is to place their gold
in the hands of an Express Company
for transmission to the Mint - As soon as
the gold is received it will be assayed
and the value returned for same in express
without delay in such denomination of
coin as may be desired.

Respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
for the Directors of the Mint.

Mr Charles D. Folger,
General,
New York

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb 26, 57.

Sir.

I send you to-day per Express
a few copies of a pamphlet ^{you are interested in} containing the
laws relating to the Mint.

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

A. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

A. F. Putnam Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
N. Y.

To
Supr U. S. Assay Off
New York

Sending pamphlet
containing Mint
Law. -

Feb. 26. 1839.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 26. 1859

Sir

I am in receipt of \$14,598.18
in gold coins, in payment of invoice No 4.

Very Respectfully,
J. J. Elco

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasurer

Treas. Assay Office

New York

Feb. 26/59

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

February 25, 59.

Sir,

On examination I find that the bone ash requested for the Melter & Refiner of your office cannot be purchased here at less than 20 cents per pound, which is a high price for it.

I am informed that Mr. Hilts, (employed in the Assay department of your office) prepares the above article for the Assayer and I suggest that you cause him to make some for the Melter & Refiner. It will be more economical to obtain it in this way besides securing a reliable article.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Sam. F. Butterworth Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

To
Sup't U. S. Assay Off
N. Y.

Pow ash. - 15 lb
made at this
Office

Feb 25, 1839

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb 25. 59

Gentlemen,

In reply to your
letter of the 25th inst I have
to state that our old copper
cents are received at the mint
in exchange for new cents.
They should be put up
according to the directions
contained in the enclosed
circular.

Respectfully,
H. R. Lincolnman
for the Superintendent
Meyer Thompson & Co.,
New York

SAM'L C. THOMPSON,

DEALERS IN CURRENCY,
SPECIE, LAND WARRANTS, &c.

F. F. THOMPSON,

Banking Office of **THOMPSON BROTHERS,**

Successors to J. THOMPSON,

No. 2 Wall Street.

New-York, *July 25th* 1859

Director of the Mint—
at Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

Do you still continue
to receive Old cents (Copper) in exchange
for New cents? If so in what size
packages must they be put up to make
them receivable?

Very respectfully Yours.

Thompson Bros

Wm L
Thompson & Co
N.Y.

Receipt of \$100
cents for new ones

Feb 28, 1889

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Feb. 26 9.

Sir,

It is proper I should inform you,
in view of my letter of the 23rd inst., that instead
of setting out yesterday for New Orleans,
via Baltimore, Norfolk &c, I have deemed
it best to wait until tomorrow, and
take the steamer from New York for
Savannah. From there, I expect to reach
my place of destination, by the way of
Macon, Columbus and Mobile.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,

Your faithful servant,
James R. Chandler,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Mount C. C. C.
Secy. of the Treasury

Washington City.

J. S. Esq
Sec Treasury

~~State that I~~
have changed
my route to New
Orleans. - This
is by Savannah
Steamer to New

Feb 25, 1839. -

Middlesex Mechanic Association,

Lowell, Mass., Feb 24, 1859.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director U. S. Mint.

My Dear Sir, You have our
Lies for Gold & Silver Medals. Will you be kind enough
to inform me by return mail what you will strike
two Silver Medals for. One of our Exhibitors has lost
his medal & wants another. I presume the cost will be
more in proportion for one or two than for 100 medals.
It is with reluctance that I write to you for so
small an order. The firm is a very Respectable one
that calls for the medal & one of them is quite a
strong public spirited man & we want the influence
of such men at future Exhibitions & shall furnish
them a medal if the cost is not too high.

Very Respectfully
John W. Smith
Treasurer.
Box 109.

120
Dear Sir,
I have Mr Smith by
Lieut. Middleswich
ass. Lowell
Mass.

copy
~~As~~ having additional
Medal struck

Jan 28, 1839-

Feb 28, 59

Dear Sir,

You letter of the
24th inst is received

If you desire one
or more additional medals
we will make them for you
at same rate as those last
furnished.

Very Respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint

John W. Smith Esq
Treas. Michigan Lumber Ass.
Lansing,
Mich

2
Tottsville Feb 24th 1839

Officials of the U. S. Mint Philad
Gentlemen

Please find enclosed
a broken piece of silver it was
broken trying its genuineness. The poor
woman it belongs is too poor to stand
the loss your exchange will oblige

Yours truly

Wm Mason

Feb. 7.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find a gold
dollar for the holder coin received in your letter
of the 24th inst.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Mr Wade Windsor,
Pottsville,
Pa.

Wm L
Hale Windsor
Rt Windsor
Pa

Exchange for a
dollar for broken
coin.

Feb 25, 1839 -

Report

October 1889.

Return of absence lateness & overtime in
Chief Engineer's department for October 1859

Names	Sickness	Private Business with leave	Without Excuse			
Wigmore		2				
Leatherman	14					
Mulholland			1			
Snyder	26					
McGrann	1					
Hackett	7					
Guy -	1					
Lavin	1					
	50	2	1	=	53	days absence
<u>Overtime</u>						
Mitchell	2 h	} Changing rolls				
McDermott	2 h					
Garrett	3 h	} do do				
McGrann	5 h					
Mitchell J M	10 h					
Prenot	7 h					
Solley	10 h	} Engine Room				
Lawrence H	23 h					
Magnin's bro	25 h					
Slaw Geo	28 h					
O'Donald	25 h					

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 24. 1859

Sir

I am in receipt of \$25,963.90 in
Silver dollars, and \$1,030.13 in Gold Coins in
payment of invoice No 5.

Very Respectfully,

Wm J. C. W.

Treasurer

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treas. assay office

N. York.

Feb. 24/59

United States Assay Office

New-York, Feb. 24, 1859.

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st inst. is received, and I transmit enclosed a detailed statement of the business of this Office in the months of October, November & December, 1858. I enclose also approximate statements for January. These reports shall hereafter be furnished promptly.

Very respectfully,

your obt. servt.,

S. F. Butterworth, Supt.

per Geo. F. Drury.

Wm. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint, }
Philadelphia. }

From Supt U. S. Survey Office
N. Y.

Enclosing Statements
Deposits & Pass
at West of Jan
4th Dec. 1888.

Feb 25, 1889

Philada Feby 24th 1839

To Col Jas Ross Snowden
Director U S Mint

Sir i beg leave to return

to you the answer to the Queries propounded
to me by you in regard to the Merits of
the Roucot Grate Barrs

1st They have been in use 2 years 10 months
for the purpose of generating steam for 3 Engines
in U S Mint, 1st Engine 8 in Cyl 2 1/2 ft Stroke
Revolutions 46 per min 2nd two Cylinders 14 1/2 in
Dia 3 1/2 ft Stroke Revolutions 46 per minute
3rd Engine 10 in Dia of Cyl 2 ft 6 in stroke
Revolutions 46 per min besides the separating
of the Gold and Silver from its impurities
Cleaning the planchets for making Coin
Heating the Building &c

The Furnaces 3 in number each one 4 ft 9 in deep
by 7 ft 6 in wide Area of Grate surface 35 feet
in each furnace Area of surface in the three
furnaces 105 feet

2nd The fuel used has been good Schuylkill Anthracite
Coal The size Broken Lump or Steam Boat

3rd The opinion formed of the Roucot Barrs in comp
arison with the other Barrs we have used is
favourable The consumption of coal is less
than formerly

4th in regard to generating steam we make plenty
of it for our purposes The generation is slower than
with former barrs

5 in regard to durability it is favourable to
the Roucot Barrs

6th in regard to clinkers i perceive no difference

7th as regards adhesion it is less with the Roucot

8th as regards Burning of Bars it is favourable to the Roucot & our average length of time for a set to last is one year. The feature in the Economy is that a set of them can be made much lighter than common Bars and therefore cost less.

9th in regard tending fires the labour is about the same & the troubles also.

To clean a fire with Roucot furnace most of the dirt has to be halled out of the furnace doors & whilst with the common bars it drops through them. This is one of the main features in the economy in the consumption of coal as the formation of the old Bars is such that considerable fine coal is continually dropping through them.

Yours Most Respectfully
Chas Johnson

Wm. Thos. Johnson Esq
Engineer
U. S. Mint

Report on Rough
Grade Bars

Feb 26. 1839

Philadelphia, Feb 22 1859

To Col. Jas. Ross Snowden, Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

SIR,—I will ask the favor of you to furnish me with replies to the subjoined queries, showing the results of your experience of the PATENT ROUCOUT GRATE BARS.

Very respectfully,

N. P. TRIST,

General Agent,

Address Box 2213, Post Office, Philadelphia.

1. How long have you been using the Roucout Grate Bars, and in what furnaces? State purpose and dimensions of the furnaces.
2. With what kind of fuel? If coal, state kind and size.
3. What opinion have you formed of the Roucout Bars, as compared with other grate bars of which you have had experience, so far as regards *consumption of fuel*? Is this *greater*, or is it *less* than with the bars previously used?
4. Same question, as regards *Generation of Steam*? Is your supply of steam *greater or quicker*, or is it *less great or slower* than with former bars?
5. Same question as regards *Durability*. Have the Roucout Bars proved *more* durable or *less* durable than former bars?
6. Same question as regards *Formation of Clinker*. Is the quantity of this *greater*, or is it *less*, than with former bars?
7. Same question as regards *Adhesion of Clinker* to the bars. Has this been *greater*, or has it been *less*, than with former bars?
8. Same question as regards *Burning of the Bar*. Have the Roucout Bars shown *greater* liability, or *less* liability to burn than former bars? State how long one set has lasted.
9. Same question as regards *tending the fire*. Is this *more*, or is it *less* laborious and troublesome with the Roucout Bars than with former bars?

I enclose a duplicate, that you may keep a copy if you wish.

ANSWERS TO THE FOREGOING QUERIES.

1. They have been in use *34* months. In *3* furnaces for generating steam
- Depth of Furnace: *4* feet, *9* inches. Width of do.: *22* feet, *6* inches:
2. Fuel, kind used: *good Lehigh coal of Steam Boat size.*
3. Consumption of Fuel: *is less*
4. Supply of Steam: *we have plenty of it but it is slower and less*
5. Durability of the Roucoute Bars: *is favourable*
6. Formation of Clinker: *perceive no difference*
7. Adhesion of Clinker to the Bars: *it is less*
8. Burning of the Bars: *it is favourable & the average length of time for them to last is one year*
9. Tending the fire: labor and trouble: *we cant perceive any difference sufficient to mention*

I remain yours Respectfully
Chas Johnson

U. S. Vulcanized Gutta Percha Belting and Packing Co.

OFFICE, ~~60 LIBERTY STREET~~

42 Exchange Place

New-York, July 24th 1859

To
Col. Geo H Childs Chief Coiner U S Mint Phila

Sir,

Enclosed please find Invo
of Belting Packing supplied the U S Mint
\$107 ⁶⁰/₁₀₀ for which we shall feel obliged
your remitting us a cheque as early as
convenient.

The above Company having made
an Assignment we are desirous of closing
up our accounts as soon as possible
you will please therefore draw the same
to Order J. O. Sargeant Assignee

I remain

Yours Respectfully

Wm D. Galt

Agent for

Assignee

address

2102 p. O

New York

Wm. L.
U. S. B. Pettin &
Packing Co.
N.Y.

A/c for Pettin

March 10, 1839

March 9, 9.

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th ult. to the Chief Engineer, has been referred to me.

The item of Belting charged in the bill rendered by you, was received about 1st May last at the solicitation of the Company, for experimental trial. If the belting proved satisfactory it was to be retained, otherwise it was to be returned. On a fair trial it proved defective and unsuitable for our purposes & the Company were informed of the fact in a letter from this office under date 13th June last. Subsequently, at the earnest solicitation of the Company, we consented to receive a second lot for trial on the same conditions as the first lot were received. I have now to report that the trial of the second lot also proved unsatisfactory, and in accordance with the agreement is held subject to the Company's order.

The item of packing amounting to \$18-

will be permitted on the receipt of duplicate
bills duly receipted.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Wm D. Yale Esq
Agt. & 2102 P.O.
New York

Hon. Rep. U.S.

Washn Feb 28, 1859

Dear Sir

An amend.

ment extending the time for ex-
changing cents for Spanish coins
has passed both houses & will
become a law.

It is such

as you desired

Very Resp Yr
Henry M. Phillips

Col Snowden Ack: receipt of letter &

Phila 5^c stated directors absence
from the City

of
Mrs.
Am A. M. Phillips
Washington

Passage of
Amendment
Extending the time
for exchanging
cents for Spanish
Coin.

~~The~~
March 1. 1839

Three Bars of Fine Gold trans-
mitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage, in pursuance
of the Act of March 1855, by John F. Cisco, Treasurer
of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1859

February 22d.

One Box N. 1. containing

Nos 316 @ 318. weight. ^{ounces dec.} 715.82 @ 99 1/2 f.

Stand. ozs

788.595

=

\$ 14671.54

(Deduct for Coinage)

73.36

Net Value, \$ 14598.18

To Gold

\$14,598.18

Recd, 22^d Feb 1859

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb 25. 59.

Sir,
Your letter of the 22nd inst has been
received.

If You send me a check on New
York we will send You per Adams Express
a corresponding amount in new silver coins. We
frequently make exchanges of this character
to accommodate parties at distant points with
change.

If you send a check please state the
denominations of silver coins you desire in
return.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Lindeman
for the Director of the Mint

Mr Nelson Tift,
Albany,
Georgia.

Albany, Georgia, Feb 22, 1859
To the Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir

The Citizens
of this place & section of country - South-
western - Georgia - find great difficulty
in their business transactions for
want of Silver Change. We have
no Banks here & we cannot get silver
change from Banks located at other
places in the State. I therefore
write to you as a director of the
institution which was intended
to avoid the difficulties under which
we labor, to know if we can get
silver change directly from the
Mint & how we may do it -

If we send you sight checks
on New York for five hundred or
one thousand dollars at a time
can you send the silver to us
through "Harnden's Express" which
has an agency at this place, or by
any other means. Your answer
to this letter will very much oblige
Yours obt. Servt.

Nelson Tiff

Wm L

Second St

Albany
N.Y.

Exchange draft on
N.Y. for \$1000

Feb 28, 1839

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 22 1859

Sir

I herewith inclose receipt of the Adams Express Company and invoice of one box gold bullion of the net value of \$14598.18 for which please remit double eagles

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Office

N. York

Feb. 22/59

ORIGINAL.

No. *6*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One boxes, containing

Gold Bullion of the net value of (\$ *14,598.18*)

Fourteen Thousand, five

hundred & ninety eight

18 Dollars,
100

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
for transportation
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *July 22* 1859

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

R. L. Lusk

Wm. G. Gammon's Exchange and Collection Office.

Jonesborough, Tenn., Feb 23 1859

J. H. Wallum Esq

Asst Treas U States

Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

I have yours of 15 inst
and have recd the Ten
Thousand Dollars of coin
by Express of am very Rest

Yours at st

Wm G Gammon

Wm. G. Gammon

Lanesborough

Tenn

Feb. 23/59

Treasury Department
Feb: 22. 1859.

Sir

I enclose herewith a
draft on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor
of the Depository at Norfolk for \$500.
Please send
in payment of said draft say \$450. in 3 Cent
pieces and \$50. in one cent coins if you have
them to spare.

I am very res^l.
Howell Cobb
Sec of the Treasury

J. H. Walter
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Sec. of Treasry

Washington

Feb. 22/59

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Feb. 22. 9.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith a copy of so much of the Minutes of the Board of Spec Commissioners as relates to the late Judge Kane.

It seems appropriate, that you should communicate them to the family of the deceased.

Very respectfully
Yours ob^t. servant,
Samuel Rose Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John Cadwalader,
Chairman of the
Board of Spec Commissioners,

To
Hon John Caldwell
Judge S. C. U. S.
Phil^a

~~Dear Sir~~
Sending copy of
so much of minutes
annual Army
as refers to death
of Judge Kane

Feb 22, 1839

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb. 21. 9.

Sir,

I send you herewith a copy of the proceedings of the recent board of assay Commissioners. It will be seen that the trials are reported as satisfactory; and that the pieces reserved from the Coinage of the Mint and its branches for the year 1858, do not differ from the Standard fineness or weight by a greater quantity than is allowed by Law, except, that on the trials of the single pieces, a quarter-dollar coined at San Francisco was found to be ~~below the~~ ^{within} the limits of higher fineness than is fixed by Law.

The Standard given of the United States is so constituted that of 1000 parts by weight 900 shall be of pure Silver and 100 of Copper. But the act of Congress (Sect. 22 General Mint Law) allows a variation from this proportion, provided it does not exceed three thousandths;

that is to say, the standards in gold may be as low as 897 thousandths, and as high as 903 thousandths. The single coin was found to be 904.7 thousandths, near one thousandth and seven tenths of a thousandth higher than the limit. But notwithstanding this ^{the Comptroller certifies} ~~except of fineness~~ that this deviation is satisfactorily accounted for, in view of the fact that individual pieces of silver coin are known to be somewhat liable to show less high a fineness; because the gradual cooling of ingots which in the mass may be 900 thousandths fine will draw the better metal to the interior, and the worst towards the exterior and the edges. The coins being cut from the Centre of the strip, which is drawn from the ingot, may be of higher fineness than the average of the ingot. It may also be stated that in casting ingots the exposure of the metal to the air, and at the same time the increase of heat towards the bottom of the pot, produces a progressive refining, so that the lower ingot is of a higher grade.

and the average of the whole melt; and a
coin cut from such ingot may, for the reason
before mentioned, be of still higher fineness.

These causes for variations in fineness
the Commissioners have generally, and
correctly stated to be "the Segregation
between the skin and the alloy", and
the "gradual Solidification" of the
metals.

The fact of this variation in the fineness
of the single piece - quarter dollar - is
certified to The President of the United States
as required by the 32nd Sect. of the General
Mint Law. And I have to request that you
will please lay it before him, with this
Statement of "the Circumstances of the Case",
and the full copy of the proceedings of the
Spare Commissioners, if you should see
proper.

I may add that the officers who are by law,
responsible for the fineness of the metals used in coins, and the
Sprezer and the Melted by Refiner.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Wm. H. Cobb,

Secy of the Treasury,
Washington City.

J

Von Howe Cobb

Sec of the Treasury

Enclosing Copy of
Proceedings of
Assay Commission;
also certificate
to the President
of the U. States.

Oct 21, 1839

77-300

650
777.90
1427.90

New York Feb. 21st 1889
James Rop Snorden Esq
Director of the Mint
St. Louis

We have the pleasure to
acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 19th inst.
inclosing your Check for \$10,000.- being in full
for payment of Bill Nickel furnished the Mint
as per receipt already forwarded -

We are glad to find that there was no
miscommunication of any letter between us, as we
had feared, and to ascertain which way
the sole object of our addressing you
on the 18th inst.

We hope you will shortly require
a further supply of Nickel, which we
will be very glad to furnish promptly
Remain

Yours respectfully
Wm. Van Hook

Saml T. J.
Living Bankers
N.Y.

Receipt

of check for
amt nickel
bill

Feb 22, 1839 -

Georgetown D. C.
February 21st 1859.

Sir:

I have in my possession a coin of the denomination of one cent which was issued in the year 1783. the devices upon it are plain, the coin having evidently been little in use - Thinking that you had no coin of the said description in the Mint Cabinet and might desire one I take the liberty of addressing you in order that you may, if you desire it, direct me how I shall forward it to you

I am very respectfully

Your ob't servant

St. Jackson Jones

James H. Walton Esq^r
Philadelphia, Pa

Thm W.

Mr. A. Jackson Jones
Georgetown
D.C.

Cent of 1783
for Latinist

Feb 28, 1839

Feb. 23, 9.

Feb.

Your letter of the 21st inst has been
standing in my hands. How anxious
was I to get it in 1883. I
do not know whether the one you have in
your possession, ^{see letter} has 2 canals or
has it or not.

If you desire to send it to the
Mint, you may place it in the hands
of an agent of the Adams Express
who will hand it to me.
Very respectfully

Yours,
Samuel R. Brown
Mr. A. Jackson has. Director of the Mint.
George W. L. C.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Feb 21, 9.

Sir,

I will thank you to furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with a statement of the operations of your office for the quarter ending December 30, 1858.

It is very desirable that a monthly statement of your operations should be forwarded as soon after the close of each month as convenient.

The articles requested in your letter of the 12th inst. are in course of manufacture and will be forwarded as soon as finished.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Svt.

Saml. P. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

Saml. F. Butterworth Esq,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York

To
Supt W. S. Assar
N. Y.

Repts called
for.

Feb 21, 1859 -

FEBRUARY 1⁹⁵TH 184⁹

Feb 19. 9.

Gentlemen.

In compliance with your request I enclose herewith my check on Western Bank Phil.^a for Ten Thousand and Eighty Five Dollars in payment of your bill for nickel furnished the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Messrs Irving Bullart & Co.
New York.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 18 1859

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt and invoice
of eleven boxes Silver bullion, of the net value
of \$ 25,963.90 for which I will thank you to
remit Silver dollars: and gold coins for the gold
contained therein \$ 1,030.13

Very Respectfully
Wm J. Esco
Treasurer

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treas. Assay Office

N. York

18 Feb. '55

No. 5

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Seven boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (\$ 26,994.03)

Twenty six thousand, nine

hundred & ninety four

3
100 Dollars,

for transportation
~~which we agree to insure against all risks,~~ and delivery to the TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *Sept 18* 1859

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

Amos Lacey

ORIGINAL.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

File N^o 9.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your kind
favor of yesterday, & ~~am~~ ^{am} surprised to learn
that the estimate for wages was referred to the
same person; as that any mistake was
made. In order that you may understand
how much we have paid it necessary to
pay for wages last year, I send you a statement
showing the amount paid during the last
four months. It will ^{show} ~~show~~ that it is
about my estimate for the next year. But
I hope to be able to bring the expenditures
^{under} ~~over~~ the heads within the estimate.

I may explain to you that the Unit is
not always fully occupied in business; but
it is necessary to keep a force on hand
sufficient to do the work required. Especially
as we have but a small reserve fund
from which to pay expenses.

The business, some scattered over the whole
year regularly, no night distances but
a few workmen, but when we are
expected to make prompt returns.
Can for business brought to the mind
we must have a sufficient force to
do the work. It must be highly
objectionable to be discharging men, and
employing them, on other, again, it is
also for the constantly recurring
emergencies. When men are placed
in impossible and, I may say,
tempting positions, it is highly
impossible to make the ~~the~~ ^{the}
change which such a policy would
require.

I have recently observed
matter which requires - if such organiza-
tion is necessary - the propriety of
courses we have adopted. It is
opposed to the British mind, in
institutions they have developed further
the policy of discharging workmen

taking on extra hands when the business
 required it. This course of proceedings
 has given rise to such frequent suspicion
 to such suspicious watchfulness, and
 closely searchings of the papers of
 the men, that they are now abandoning
 it as detrimental to the interests of the
 Government, and are keeping under
 pay a larger force of men than can
 be kept in constant employment, in
 order to meet a sudden demand
 for heavy Coiraga.

I may add in conclusion, that the
 amount ^{at Philadelphia} is not much of a weight on the
 Treasury. During the last year it had also
 the Treasury the following sums:

Extra Coiraga charge	49,188.52
Profits on Silver Coiraga	73,242.42
If you add the profits on the extra Coiraga which are not	50,000.00
Total paid, in all the last	\$ 172,430.94
The Treasury of the U.S.	

The appropriation asked for amount
 to \$ 178,000; & sum very nearly

incident with the amount paid into
the Treasury.

Thanking you for your kind attention,
I am, with great respect,
Yours most truly

James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James L. Landry
Member of Congress,
Washington City

Wages paid from Ordinary & Extraordinary Accounts during
from Oct. 1, 1880 to Dec. 31, 1880.

Department	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Total
Chief Engineer's Office	4845 40	4112 60	4600 20	512 00	5000 20
Men	4075 22	4007 32	4911 00	4012 00	14,519 60
Miller & Refiner	4650 42	4010 00	4940 00	4000 00	6,759 04
Assayer	527 00	542 00	552 00	556 00	2,061 50
Engineer	456 00	462 00	400 00	460 00	1,660 00
Treasurer	434 20	504 00	520 00	500 00	1,958 20
Director	418 00	400 00	400 00	400 00	1,618 00
Sunday Work	400 00	400 00	400 00	400 00	1,600 00
Total	20,000 00	18,000 00	20,000 00	10,000 00	68,000 00

To
Mr James Landry
W.C. Washington City

Wm. Appropiations. -

Feb. 18. 1839 -

U.S. MINT

GENERAL

COMMERCIAL

1859/1860 by

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1857/FEBRUARY

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb. 19, 9.

Dear Sir,

In response to your letter of yesterday I have the pleasure to state that the Section of a Law to regulate the time for despatching Small Indian Carts and paying cart Cuts for them has been introduced by the Committee on Finance in the Senate. I presume the Section will pass that body and be concurred in by the House of Reps, but we have better continue our efforts to secure its passage.

I thank you for your remarks relative to the prices of sugar. It was my intention by the reduction in ^{my intent} prices to restrain the carriage and thus prevent a glut in the Chief Cities. My view of the subject has been aided by the large demand for the East Indies.

Very respectfully,
Samuel R. Hendricks
Mr. J. C. Cronin
No. 84 Wall St. New York.

Banking House of J. S. CRONISE,

DEALER
IN
BULLION and SPECIE.

No. 34 Wall Street.

New York,

Feb 1st 1859.

Wm Snowden Esq
Director of U S Mint Phil^a Pa

Dear Sir,

I had the honor to receive yr
a few days since but have been too busy to answer it.

It has occurred to me that a representation
my part to W Phillips that the Gov^t would not only
lose a not inconsiderable sum per annum if the Cent
Lan is not renewed but that (what perhaps he would
be quite as mindful of) the force of the Mint will
be materially reduced thereby - If such be the fact as
I presume it to be.

I have written W P & have in every
other way used whatever of influence I possessed.

Silver is very scarce & commands
readily $1\frac{23}{4}$ to $1\frac{24}{4}$ per oz! & will so long as the East India
demand continues in London. Very Respy
Wm Chas Sert J. Cronise

Mr D^r

L. A. Smith^{tho}
N. York

Extension of
Comage Low

Feb 19, 1839

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb. 18. 9.

Sir,

The supply of the mint pamphlet, which I printed in 1853 being exhausted, I have found it necessary to prepare another; and of course embraced the opportunity to include in it all the latest relating to the mint up to the present period of Congress.

Herewith I send three copies of the new pamphlet, also one copy, bound with numerous blank leaves (a few of which I cannot help append-) for your use.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours obt. servant,

Samuel Rose Crandall,

Hon. Howell Cobb, Director of the Mint.
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

J. LeLacour

Transmitting 9
copies pamphlet
Munt Laurel

Feb 18. 1839 -

No. 5

Memorandum of Silver Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for
Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S.
Assay Office, New York.

February 17th 1859

11 BOXES, No.

1 @ 11

BARS. 121

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Finesness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Finesness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Finesness.									
Silver Bar	35	1	149	65	660	Plate	54	1	137	10	923	Mixed Coin	67	4	718	50	895						
Mixed Coin	35	3	445	75	895	"	55	1	58	80	793	"	8	3	576	55	881						
"	6	1	88	90	895	Mixed Coin	60	2	415	75	895	Chilian Dolls	9	1	58	00	899						
"	8	1	129	80	875	"	7	2	352	55	891	Quito Do	7	1	53	10	898						
Silver Bar	40	1	201	70	136	"	8	1	92	30	892	Old Am Coin	1	3	579	55	894						
Mixed Coin	45	2	370	20	627	Silver Bar	9	2	415	10	952	"	2	3	577	80	901						
Chilian Pig	6	9	172	410	987	Plate & Coin	60	1	202	20	855	Mixed Coin	3	3	610	65	897						
"	7	13	261	80	995	Mixed Coin	10	4	715	55	898	Five Francs	4	2	317	80	903						
"	8	14	262	00	996	"	2	1	106	95	881	Plate	5	1	128	40	848						
N. G. Disc	9	2	422	15	955	Mixed Coin & Plate	3	4	797	80	853	Mixed Coin	8	1	178	10	886						
Mixed Coin	50	1	101	85	872	"	4	2	373	60	898	"	7	3	499	40	900						
Plate	2	1	107	60	828	"	5	1	809	60	899	Met & Franc	8	5	996	00	899						
"	3	1	125	05	880	Met & Dolls	6	4	863	85	902	Mixed Coin	9	8	152	63	899						
												Five Francs	80	4	823	65	901						
			50	910	4	85				29	534	1	5				42	76	44	50			
																	29	534	1	5			
																	50	910	4	85			
																				121	220	90	50

22,424.85 Ounces, Stand^d @ 1.16 $\frac{1}{2}$ = \$ 26,094.37
(Deduct for Coinage) 130.47

\$ 25,963.90

Gold in No. 40. 201.70 @ 174 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 39,107
" " 49. 422.15 @ 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 17,121
" " 60. 202.20 @ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 562
56,790 = \$ 10,565.56

Deduct for parting, \$ 20.46

201.70 @ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 10.09
422.15 @ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6.33
202.20 @ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4.04

for Silver alloy,
" Coinage.

69
5.28

26.43

1,030.43

Net Value, \$ 26,994.03

No 5, Silver

\$26.994.03

Rec'd February 19, 1855

Albany N. Y.

Feb 16. 1859.

Treas. U. S. Mint.

Sir.

Will you be kind
enough to send me a circular of the
terms on which you receive the
Copper coinage of the U. S. in
exchange for the new cents.

Yours to

Geo. B. Hoyt.

George B. Hoyt

Albany N. Y.

Feb. 16/59

New Canada Coins.

Assay Office, U. S. Mint
February 17. 1859.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,

Director of the Mint &c

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your ~~verbal~~ request, we present the following statement in regard to the new issue of silver coins for the Canadas, by the British government. You are aware that the coins ^{have been} ~~are~~ awaiting some previous formality of proclamation, and have ^{just} ~~not yet~~ been put in circulation. Consequently we have been able to obtain but very few specimens, and ~~our examination is not~~ ^{Our examination} ~~sufficient to give an accurate estimate of their nature~~ ^{will afford, however, a satisfactory} conclusion as to the intended standards of weight and fineness; and will answer the question, whether there is a designed conformity to the currency of the United States.

In respect to ~~denom~~ nomenclature, they have abandoned shillings and pence, and have adopted a decimal system; in accordance with which, there are three silver coins, of 20, 10, and 5 cents; besides copper cents, which we have not seen. The amount of coinage is said to be quite large.

First, as to weight; they do not harmonize with us. The average indicates a standard of 15 hundredths of an ounce (three pennyweights) for the 20 cent piece; the smaller pieces in proportion. Our half-dollar being 40 hundredths, would make 16 h. for 20 cents. Next, as to fineness; they do not harmonize with us. They adhere to the British or sterling standard of 925 thousandths fine. This is a departure from the decimal system of nine-tenths, ^{being practically the standard} which, ~~prevailing~~ in almost every country of North and South America, may be considered American. Thirdly, in respect to value; this must be stated in two ways. If it be asked, what is the intrinsic value, as compared with our coins, then the 20 cent piece falls below two of our dimes, by three-fourths of a cent, nearly. If it be asked, what will their 20 cent piece, full weight, produce at our Mint, at bullion price, then it is worth $18\frac{2}{3}$ cents, nearly. It is therefore, not interchangeable with our currency. But by a calculation based upon the intrinsic relations of the British coinage to our own (so as to be able to turn pence into cents,) we find the 20 cent piece is regulated in its weight by the silver shilling, and is in due proportion thereto; or so nearly, that the ^{advantage} ~~convenience~~ of having an even number of pennyweights, was ~~not~~ ^{not} taken into account.

What effect it will have upon the currency of the two countries, especially along the boundary line, to have two kinds of dimes, it is not easy

to France.

Very respectfully
your obed^t serv^t
J. R. Eckfeldt
Mm E. Dubois.

I am
Oleas Eckfeldt Dubois

Wm H. Smith

Wm H. Smith
Conid.

Oct 22, 1839

Washington Feb 14. 59

Hon

Jas R Snowden

My dear Sir

You are aware that
the Appropriation for
Incidental and contingent
expenses for next year
has been stricken out
by our House.

If you will furnish
me with a detailed
account of these anticipated
expenses I will endeavor
to have them put in
by the Senate.

Very yours
Thos Lloyd

Truly
Yours
Hon James Sully
Member of Congress
Washington City

Respectfully
appreciation
for incidental
& contingent
expenses,
Feb 15, 1889.

Feb. 15.th 59.

Dear Sir,

I was not aware, until I received
your letter of yesterday that the House of Represen-
tatives had refused to grant an appropriation
for the support of the Mint; because if we
have no means provided for the incidental
and contingent expenses of the establishment
the Coinage must cease. The Mint is a
manufacturing and must incur the expenses
necessary for the refining and Coinage of
the precious metals. Among the items of
expenses which come within the phrase
"incidental and contingent," are Charcoal
for Refining; Fuel, Copper for alloy, oil
for machinery; Repairs; wastage of
the precious metals; water rent, gas.
Coke; fire mits; wear and tear
of machinery and apparatus; Copper
consumed for annealing; balances and
weights; Stationary, &c. &c.

of public details are required I can readily
furnish them. The accounts of all the
expenditures at the Mint are adjusted
and settled by the 1st Auditor of the
Treasury: every item of expense may
therefore be ascertained in that office.

I am, with great respect,
your friend and ob^d serv^r.
James R. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Landry
Member of Congress,
Washington City.

New York Feb. 14th 1859

James Ros Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
D.C.

We have the pleasure to
acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 12th inst.
& as requested return the documents receipted.
You will please send us your check
for the amt. \$10.085,- as heretofore obliging

Yours respectfully
Erving Kenthart

P.S. We would be glad to learn how soon
you will require an additional supply
of our tickets

New York Feb. 18th 1859

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Dear Sir

We had this pleasure under date of the 14th inst. enclosing receipts for payment of the Bills of Metals sold the Mint, and presuming that you designed permitting us for same, we have felt apprehensive that either your letter or ours, had miscarried as we have received no letter from you later than the 12th inst.

We will be obliged if you will advise us whether any of the 14th reached you
Remain

Yours respectfully
Ernest Van Hook

Statement of the results of the trial
of the assay coins of the Branch Mint San
Luis for the year 1858, made by
the thurnal

Wm L
Messrs Livingston &
New York

Check Rendered
for \$10,083 in
payment of the
Bills

Feb 19. 1837

Office of the Damascus Steel and Iron Company,

71 JOHN STREET,

WORKS—At Staten Island and 47th Street, cor. 2d Avenue.

New-York, July 12th 1859.

James Rof Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philad

Sir

I am in Receipt
of your letter of the 11th inst

The trouble with the bars of steel we
sent you is in the fact that the bars did
not receive sufficient amount of hammering
at the small work in this city where we have
made over 200 tons of steel since this company
commenced last May. We have not got
machinery & hammers really fit to do any
work over 2 inches square & then the bars
should be hammered on the blacksmiths anvil
to consolidate the granulation.

On about the 1st of March next we shall
start up our new & large steel work, at
Staten Island with hammers & machinery
adapted to any size & shape steel we shall
want to make. Then we can give you

Bars of steel that will make your dies

We believe the quality of our steel is unsurpassed

If you can any way test the quality of
the steel in those bars in some way where

J
Mr Samson, Street & Co.
New York

Quality of their
Steel

Feb 17, 1839 —

Treasury Department
Feb. 14. 1859.

Sir

I enclose a transfer draft
on the Treasurer of the Mint for \$10,000 in
favor of the Depository at Pittsburg with authority
to pay the amount to the Order of Adams Express Co
to transfer the amount to Pittsburg.

Mr. Gibson to have the amount sent, as nearly as
may be in the following denominations of Coins

Gold in double Eagle \$5000

Silver in $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollars 5000
10000.

I am very Respectfully

Wm. Lobb
Sec. of the Treasury.

H. B. Walton Esq
As Treasurer
Philad.

United States Mint Phila

Dr to R. J. Brown Dr

July 12. To 2 doz Catawba Wine (Reading) \$12. \$24.00

Received Payment

Thos. Plare Payr -
H R L

R. J. Brown

United States Mint, Phila

1859

Dr. to R. J. Brown

July 12, To 2 dgs Reading Catawba Mini #12. \$24.00

Received Payment

R. J. Brown

Duplicate

Bills

Annual assay
refreshment

Feb 14 + 15

1839—

Filed Feb 26th

1839—

Phila. Leeman 16th 1859.

Mr D. Linderman

of John. Pickering & Son St

Feb 14/59. 2 doz ale 2 1.00 3.00
2 " xx Porter Shottles included 2 1.00 2.00

\$ 5.00

Thos. & Pay
H R L

Received Payment
Thos. Pickering & Son

Linderman

W. S. Mink

Philadelphia Feby 16th 1859

Mr Snowdon

Dr

For 1 Boned Turkey	6 50
" 1000 Stewed Oysters 150.	15.00
" Chicken Salada	7 50
" 1 Ham (Prepared)	2 64
" Plain Rolls	1 00
2 lbs Butter	75
3 lb Cheese	37
3 " Cracker	24
" Hire of Silver Spoons & Forks 2 days	2 00
" " 3 Pitchers " "	50
" " 1 Large Dish " "	25
2 Waiters @ \$2 per day 2 days	8.00
	\$44.75

Received Payment

John Gowing
Per Wm H. Woodcock

Leas & Pear
pay H R L



Philadelphia Feb 12 1859

Mr Dr H R Luder

To CHAMBERS M'KIBBIN & SON, Dr.

~~Balance~~ 1000 00

Fuel and Light	=	=	=	=
Coach to Depot,	=	=	=	=
Washing,	=	=	=	=
Baths,	=	=	=	=
Porterage paid,	=	=	=	=
Box,	=	=	=	=
Wines,	=	=	=	=
Cash,	=	=	=	=

Received Payment,

FOR C. M'KIBBIN & SON.

paid
H R L

W. C. McKibbin

**HOWARD & CO'S
EXPRESS.**

Packages, Bank Notes, Specie,

ETCETERA.

FORWARDED DAILY

To and from all the principal Cities and
Towns in the

UNITED STATES,
California, Canada, Europe, &c.

OFFICES,

Centre Square, Easton, Pa.
Marsh Chunk, Packer's Block.
92 Chestnut Street.

Wm F. Murphy, Pr. 116 Chestnut Street.



Philadelphia July 12 1859

United States Mint

To HOWARD & CO. Dr.

To Freight on *Q2u Box* from *Reading* \$

50

To Charges Paid \$

Received Payment for Howard & Co.

Dr. Loejay Supt

Philadelphia, July 12 1859

M. A. R. Linderman (for annual assay)

Bought of **JERRY WALKER,**

Importer and Dealer in Wines, Brandies, Cigars, &c.

No. 231 (75) CHESTNUT STREET.

for the U S Mint

1 Case Martell Brandy 10 00

3 Bbls Va Rye Whisky 2 25

Permych 50

12.75

July 26. 1859

Recd of

Jerry Walker

Boston.

Boston Feb^y 11th 1839

Richard D. Q.
Phila.

Dear Sir

We made you an
offer for Perry Ingot, which was to be
decided upon on the 7th. Since which
time we have not heard from you will you
do us the favor to inform us about
the Copper.

Yours Truly
Wm. Litchfield

21 1/2

22 1/4

Wm L

W.

Musen Batchelder
Pistol

Copper Bias for

Feb 26, 1839. -

Feb 26, 59.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 11th inst
was accidentally overlooked.

The highest bid for the
copper was $22\frac{1}{4}$ cents per pound, which was
accepted. - Your bid was $21\frac{1}{2}$ cents pr lb.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Messrs Winslow Patchelder & Co.
Boston,
Mass.

United States Assay Office,

New York, - Feb. 12, 1859.

Sir,

May I trouble you to
cause the articles named in
the enclosed list to be
ordered in Philadelphia?
Mr. Kent is unable to pro-
cure them here.

Very respectfully,
y^r obt. servt.,

S. D. Patterson
Supt

Wm. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

Saml J. Fullenwith
Supt U. S. Assay Off
N.Y.

Requesting articles
for that office

Feb 17. 1899

New York Feb. 11th - 1859

James Rop Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Sir

As requested in yours of
the 10th inst. - we have now the pleasure to
hand you a detached bill, in duplicate
of the last lot of Nickel furnished the Mint
which we believe will be found correct.
We remain

Yours respectfully
J. H. Van Hook

From
Messrs. J. M. & Co.
N.Y.

Indising Superior
Bills & Notes

Feb 2, 1889

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb 11. 9.

Sir,

We have tried the bar of steel which
you sent us some days since, for dies: and regret to
have to report that the article will not answer
for our use; besides being coarse in grain, it cracks
and opens in the centre shewing a want of cohesion
and soundness in the material, which renders it unfit
for the purpose of making dies.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel Rose Henderson,
Director of the Mint.

S. Churchhill Esq.
Treasurer Danvers Street Lomb.
New York.

5727
680
2500
500
5

To
Treas^r Damascus Store
+ Son C. N. Y.

Receipt of trial
of steel

Feb 11. 1839

Engravers Dep.^t

Mint of the U. S. Philad.^a Feb. 11
1889

Dear Sir

We have tried the bars of steel sent as specimens by the Damascus Steel & Iron Company of 71 John St. New York, for dies: and regret to have to report that the steel will not answer for our work; besides being coarse in grain, it cracks and opens in the centre shewing a want of cohesion and soundness in the material, which renders it unfit for the purpose, of making dies.

Respectfully Yours &c

L. R. Snowden Esq. } James B. Longacre
Director } Engraver

From J. D. Longacre
Engraver U. S. Mint
P

Report true
Steel Damascus
Steel thumb 6?

Feb 11. 1859—

Cob. James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.
Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your note informing me that the President had designated me as one of the Commissioners for the next Annual Assay.

I shall be happy to attend at the time and place designated. Accept my thanks for the information and the accompanying pamphlet which you forwarded.

Very respectfully
Yours &c

Jno. O. Jarvis

Philada. Feb 11th 1859.

From
John O'Leary
Phila

accepting
appointment
as say Commissioner

Feb 12, 1859

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb 10. 59.

Gentlemen,

I have to request that you
will send me a detailed bill (in duplicate) for
the last lot of notes furnished the Mint, that
the same may be examined and certified preparatory
to payment.

Very Respectfully,
James P. Henderson,
Director of the Mint.

Messrs Irving, Clark & Co.
New York.

To,
Messrs J
Livingston Nassau
N.Y.

Requesting detailed
Bill of Lading

Feb 10, 1839—

NATIONAL TELEGRAPH

LINES TO

PITTSBURG, CINCINNATI, LOUISVILLE, ST. LOUIS,
CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS,

AND ALL INTERMEDIATE PLACES,

Office, No. 311 Chestnut Street, Second Story, Rear Room,

36 PHILADELPHIA.

Dated at

New Orleans Feb 10 1859

To Jas Ross Snowden

Director

Mint

The present coin
entered upon his
duties on the first
of January eighteen
hundred & fifty eight

A A Blumore
Supr

1766pd

From
Capt R Mins
New Orleans
La

Date of present
Comer, entrance
upon duty

Feb 10. 1859—

Office of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, }
No 417 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, Feb 9 1859

My Dear Sir

In reply to your kind
note I expect to have the
pleasure of being with you
on Monday next at 10 A.M.

I have not yet received
the pamphlet to which you
refer and fear that it has
misarrived.

If you have another copy
oblige me by addressing it
to this office.

Truly Yrs

P. Haley.

Hon A. Ruf. Snowden.

Dist 26 States

Tom Lee Haley Esq
Phil^a

With attend

as assay
commissioner

Feb 9. 1859

Philadelphia

9 Feb 1839

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure
of acknowledging the
receipt of your letter
of 7 Instant, and of
stating that I will attend
at the time and
place designated
in it

Very Respy & Faithfully
Yrs &c &c

Thurston

Col
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Bureau

Mr. J. J. Adair
Judge D. C. U.S.
E. S. P.

Unattended
at Annual
Essay
Feb 11, 1839.

Private

Treasury Department
Feb 8th 1855

My dear Sir

The following is an extract of a letter I have received to day from my brother at Athens Ga

"I wish instead of a diploma to give to our girls on leaving our institute, a silver medal. I thought that through you I could be placed in correspondence with some of the officers of the Mint whereby I could find out prices, cost &c - Can you help me?"

Under the impression that the Mint has been occasionally authorized to strike medals for literary, agricultural, and perhaps other societies under certain restrictions, will you allow me to ask you for such information on the subject above mentioned, as will enable my brother to form some idea of the expediency of pursuing the mode suggested by him?

Very respectfully
Yours &c &c

J. Rep. Snowden &

Director of the Mint
Phila

Novell Cobb

Copy

Minst of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb 9, 1859

My Dear Sir,

We will be most happy
to assist you ~~Brother~~ in preparing
a medal for the object he indicates.
I enclose a note to me from Mr Longacre,
the Engraver, and suggest that you
brother write to him, under cover to my
address, stating the size of the proposed
medal, and his own suggestions as to
the character of the device. It might
also indicate some limit of expense
in price in the preparation of the
medals.

I am, with great regards,
Your friend & etc etc.

(Signed) James Ross Anderson

Am. Amelcor,
Treasury Department
Washington City.

Copy

Unit of the United States
Phila. Feb 9. 1859.

Dear Sir

I expect to the information asked for in the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, which You have the kindness to place in my hands for this object; allow me to say that it will give me pleasure to correspond with Mr. Cobb of Athens, Ga and to supply all the information he desires, on the subject referred to.

Before I can write more definitely I should want to know the size and weight of the medals proposed, and the character of the design; as the cost of preparing and striking them must necessarily be determined by these considerations.

I do not apprehend any difficulty in having the work executed here, whenever it is clearly understood, what is required.

(Signed) J. B. L.
Engle

Smith & Co.
The Sec Treasury

In relation to medal
for Mr Cobb of Athens,
Ga

Feb 9, 1839—

To Sec Treasury

Requisition Current
Quarter.

February 8. 1859

27,800

18.7000
74,800

75,800
75,000

18.7500
75,000

Feb. 8. 9.

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for forty six thousand nine hundred and twenty five dollars (\$46,925.) payable out of the appropriation made for the support of the institution for the present fiscal year, viz:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$6,975.00
For Stages of Workmen & Expenses	18,700.00
For Incidentals & Contingent Expenses	18,750.00
For Freight on Bullion	2,500.00
	<u>\$46,925.00</u>

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.

Samuel C. Spencer
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Amos A. Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Treasury of the United States
8 February 1859

Sir

For enclosed T. D. S. Draft No 6487 please
forward to this Office \$200 - in Cents of the
New Coinage

Very respectfully
Yours Oth Servt
Sam Casey
Treasurer U. S.

James H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treas. U. S.

Washington

Feb. 8/59

8490.

SPECIE, BULLION AND EXCHANGE OFFICE

OF

TREVOR & COLGATE,

47 Wall St.

NEW-YORK,

1859

James Gassford Esq
Director of the mint
at Philadelphia
Dear Sir.

as by send report.

Yours will much oblige

Respectfully Yours
Trevor & Colgate
per E. M. Dodge

THOMAS & COLGATE

NEW-YORK

Thos Heya & Boyan
N.Y.

Ask for
Copy my report

Feb 9. 1839—

Phila: Feby 8. 5-9

My dear Sir
I shall
not be in Phila
most probably on
Monday next - & I
have begun to tell
President to let him
the apt of Govt on
another gentleman.

Thank you for
your pamphlet & note.
Why will you
not give my old friend
Darius Medley a place
& write my conscience
you find that
Cal Swenson Ho. Byler

From
Rev Tyler Esq
Phila^a

States that he has
informed the President
of his inability
to attend Annual
Assembly &c

Feb 8. 1839

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb. 10,

59.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 8th inst.

So much of the 6th Section of the act
approved Feb. 21. 1857, as provides for the paying out at the
Mint of the new cent coin in exchange for the fractional
parts of the Spanish & Mexican dollar at their nominal
value, expires by its own limitation on the 21st inst.
Consequently such coin will not be received in exchange
for the new cent after that day, unless the time is ex-
tended by an act of Congress.

The deposit you refer to will be
paid in its regular order.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Mendenhall
Director of the Mint.

Messrs Blodgett & Co.,
Bankers, Buffalo,
N.Y.

DRAFTS AND UNCURRENT
MONEY
bought and sold
Collections made & promptly
remitted.

BLODGETT & CO

Banking & Exchange Office

W^m H. BLODGETT.

~~F. J. ATWATER.~~

Ad Gilbert

Buffalo N.Y. 8th 1859

Director U.S. Mint

Phila

Delis

On the 25th Dec

*we sent you \$50 Silver for the new Cent coins
of which we stand much in need. if possible
we will thank you to send them immediately
and oblige*

Yours very

Wm H. Blodgett & Co

P.S.

*Is there to be a deduction made on the
Spanish & Mex Silver in exchange for new Cents
if so please inform us at what time it goes
in effect*

Samuel
Merrill Proctor
Buffalo
N.Y.

Time receiving
certificates com- in
Exchange for
per cent

Feb 10, 1859-

Department of the Interior,
February 8th 1859.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$ 2337 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ for which accept my thanks.

I will be obliged if you will furnish me with a duplicate of the receipt for the State Tax.

Very respectfully,

Your obed^t Servant

L. Thompson
Secretary

J Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director U S Mint
Philada. Pa.

Copy

I certify that there was deducted
for State tax the interest due Feb 1. 1839
on Fifty Thousand dollars, Penn 5 pr
of loan standing in the name of the
Secretary of the Interior in trust for the
Delaware Indians, the sum of \$62.50 viz

Int due Feb 1. 1839 on \$50,000 \$1250

State Tax deducted

62.50

Net Amt paid

\$1187.50

Stock Department Farmers, Mich

BK Phil^a Feb 10, 1839

(Signed) L L Fenimore
Z of f —

of
Wm L. Thompson
Sec Interior

~~Certificate of deduction~~
State tax, from inst due
1st inst 5 pmt Penn
Lower requested sent

Feb 10, 1839—

Feb. 10, 59.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 8th inst.

Enclosed please find certificate, Farmers
and Mechanics Bank, in this city, of the deduction
of \$62.50, for state tax, from the interest collected for
you on the 5th inst. on Fifty thousand dollars
Penn. 5 per cent loan.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Svt.
Samuel R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon J. Thompson,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington City.

Trimmer Bank New Castle

July 8. 1859

J. Ross Swan Esq

Dear Sir

I enclose by
Adams Express this day a Bag
Directors Notice State Mint
Philadelphia "Containing Cents
amounting to \$120.00 to be
exchanged for the new ones I
will be at the Mint on ~~the~~
Thursday morning to do
whatever may be necessary

Respectfully

W. W. Cleaver

Teller Trimmer Bank

New Castle

Dec

Mr James Park
Newcastle
Del

Imaging
Certs.

Feb 9, 1889

New York Feb 8th 1859

James R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to
enclose Invoice of two Cases Michel amounting to
\$1,680.75 also B/L for Camden & Embury B.L. for
the same.

This we believe completes your order, and
we will be glad to sign the necessary
documents as early as may suit your
convenience, in order to enable us to receive
payment as previously.

We also hope you will shortly send
us another order, which shall receive
prompt attention from

Yours respectfully
J. Van Hook

From
Miss Paullet
N.Y.

Send, Phil
Ladney &
for Michel

Feb 9. 1839

New-York, 8th Feby 1859

Min^{rs} of the United States

Bought of **IRVING VAN WART & CO.**

AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS FOR METALS, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c.

IRVING VAN WART,
JOSEPH McCOY.

No. 12 PLATT-STREET.

Turner Cash

2 Cases Metallic Nickel 1200 ~ \$1.40 \$1680 "

Cartage

75 \$1680 75

Post Office 4a

Suffolk July 7 1859

To The Supt Mint at Philadelphia

Dear Sir

There exist at this time among the People as to the actual value of the Spanish & other Foreign Coin either I sell or just Refusing to take any don't care how much used for only 20 cents piece for quarters & 10 cents for the 12 1/2 cent pieces I have been receiving them for 25 cents & 12 1/2 & have some \$100 on hand I believe the Govt have been receiving this Coin & giving the Star or U S Coin in its ~~place~~ place & a large part I have taken in payment of Post Office Stamps &c. — My Enquiry is this please instruct me the proper course to dispose of this kind of money — persons are making this a Speculating business some offering \$1.10 to 1.15 for once in this place

Respectfully Yours

Jos G Cooper Jun

Please let me hear from you as early as convenient

Y
Ann

Post Master
Suffolk
Va

Exchange
Spanish coin

Feb 10, 1839—

Assured
by Circulars,

To the Director of the Mint

Col Snowden

Respected Sir

I thought I would draw your attention to the present sleeping room of the watchmen there is four watch men Mc Chalister Meany Mc Laughlin and Wertman which sleep in the Ladies justing room two in the fore part of the night and two in the latter part of the night they are I think to far away in a retired place in case of Emergency they could not hear us call. dont you think it would better to have them with in call on the first floon. there are two Watch Men up stairs that is Perry and Bartlett

Feb 7th

Most Respectfully
C Siples

of
Horn Conrad Siple
(Night Watchmen)

In relation to placing
for Watchmen to
Sleep in

Feb 9. 1839-

(Translation)

Honored Sir

If I again take up your valuable time today, I solicit beforehand your pardon, which I am confident you will grant, if I may judge from the interest expressed by your acceptable letter for an entire stranger.

I. th you must of course expect to hear from me again, in order to express to you my heartiest thanks for the kindness you have exhibited, & which I humbly beg you to continue.

I do not therefore venture a request in vain, depending upon your kindness, when I beg of you to have the enclosed letter delivered ~~to~~ according to the address on it. Inasmuch as you have, honored sir, taken so much interest in me & my wishes, may I solicit of you the favor to glance over the letter, to ascertain if it be possible that I may succeed in my wishes.

In that letter I have entered specially into the subject, as far as space permitted, & will therefore not now repeat anything. I may however remark that I have made the acquaintance of Dr. Betton, who desires to be remembered to you "from abroad" through me, & to recommend to you an interest in my affairs. At the same time Dr. urged me to write to a friend of his, a manufacturer in your city, of the name of Uhlens, if I understood rightly; but I shall only avail myself of this address, in case my arrangements with Mr. Phillips, contrary to my expectations, should prove abortive. Allow me, in conclusion, to thank you & Mr. Phillips once more most heartily for

the interest you have taken in me, to solicit a continuance of
your friendly favors, & to unite my thanks & wishes in the
cheering & significant "good luck up". *

yours, &c &c &c &c &c &c &c

Moritz Just

Dresden in Saxony

Schäferstrasse 46^d. I.

7. Feb. 1859

*. When miners are about to ascend to the surface, their fellows
wish them "glück auf", which means good luck in going up,
from which it has become a proverbial wish in all the mining
districts of Germany for success in anything.

Letter to M. Phillips.

Dresden, in Saxony

7. Feb. 1859

Honored Sir

In a communication received from the Director
of the Mint, you have expressed an inclination to give me a
situation in your Chemical works, & even to permit me to
commence at once. How ~~ever~~ gratifying & ^{precious} such trust in me is, & how ~~ever~~ complimentary on the one hand
I need not so much ^{mention} ~~express~~, as to express my deep-felt thanks
in a few words which spring from my heart. ~~Opportunity~~ may an
opportunity offer to exhibit my thanks by ~~deeds~~ actions.
If I were alone & not bound by care for those belonging to me,
I wd certainly accept your permission at once & appear in person.

most desirable for me to know in what particular branch or branches I am most likely to be employed.

Upon perusing my letter thus far, some sentences seem to me objectionable, as not savoring of due modesty, but on the other hand, it seemed necessary to point out what I am there engaged in, as you ought to know it, & I have the less fear, dear Sir, of being misunderstood by you, because I can add the ^{most honorable} testimony of manufacturers of extensive reputation. In reference to the English language, I would of course devote myself to it during the ~~rest of~~ remainder of my residence here, so that I shall not be unprepared in this respect.

I bespeak your kindness & recommendation, & would esteem it fortunate, in any appointment accorded to me, to exhibit the truth of my words by actions. Awaiting from you a speedy & favorable reply, I remain, dear Sir, &c, &c, &c.

Muritz Just

Schäfersstrasse

Noth. 46 d. I.

But as this cannot be on account of my circumstances, I propose on the one side first to impart some special details of those circumstances, of my achievements, &c, & on the other to beg you to give me some intimation of my probable sphere of action with you, the kind of position, what I am to perform, & lastly the conditions of agreement between us. First let me mention that I met Dr. Belton here lately, & that he desires to be remembered to you.

After having been an apothecary for 10 years, I was called to a Practical Chemical business here, in which I was active for 6 years. I would ~~still~~^{doubtless} have been ^{still} in the same position had I not been offered the situation of Technical Director of the works situated here, for working Gold & Silver Residues (Caroline works), which situation seemed to me to afford me a larger sphere of operation, & the probability of becoming acquainted with foreigners. I now wish to leave this position, partly from personal considerations, but also because an enterprising, active man always strives to go ahead, this last is much less likely in ~~much less~~ than for one who has an appointment in a Government or Private establishment abroad. I will not enlarge on these circumstances. As I had formerly the opportunity^{to} gain knowledge in Pharmaceutical & Technical Chemistry & in ~~the~~ mercantile direction, so my present position offers the most favorable conditions to acquire knowledge in Technical Chemistry, in larger manufacturing establishments, & in business-life, so as to make me a careful superintending officer.

I have already written to the Director on my activity and experience, & he has doubtless imparted the same to you. I may however, again mention, that as the Manufacturer, (with the aid of a young man, as an assistant,) I conduct & have the oversight of all the operations & workmen employed here, the necessary testing, & lastly the keeping of all the Journals of Manufacture. We ~~now~~ extract gold & silver from ~~washings~~^{sand}, residues & sweep, & make blue & green vitriol as secondary products. The methods pursued for extracting gold & silver have been mostly established by myself, & thereby excellent results attained. I have, on these points especially, collected the most extensive experience. Thus for example, I have improved Plattner's method of Chlorinating by such various manipulations, that it is preferable to any other process, when circumstances demand its employment. Such circumstances are most likely to occur in America. For, beside much gold & silver sweep, which must necessarily be produced in such cities as Phil^a & New York, there must also be ores, obtainable in commerce, containing gold & silver. These last might be made profitable, even after the usual processes have been employed on them, because they are so imperfect. — In addition to the above, I have the best opportunities through my (Connections) (~~Probably acquiring~~
~~however Position & some~~ Connections here to become better acquainted with other desirable arts, for ex. acids, Soda, &c, which exist in this neighborhood. It w^d therefore be

Ihre verehrten Herrn!

If I to day again

Wenn ich heute wieder Ihre kostbare Zeit in Anspruch nehmen,
so bitte ich wieder im Voraus um Verzeihung, daß ich Sie an dem
Sonntag da ich aus einem westwärtigen Geschäft zurück war, wie gütig
Sie dies für einen Ihnen gänzlich Unbekannten unterlassen.

Ganz natürlich ist es daher, daß Sie wieder noch mehr wissen
müssen, denn ich bringe Ihnen das besonders meine tiefgefühlteste
Dank für das mir so gütig bewiesene Westwärten, um dessen
frühererzeitige Beförderung ich ganz ergebenst bitte.

Ich wage daher im Vertrauen auf Ihre Güte gewiß keine
Fehlbitte, daß ich Sie ersuche, das beigeflossene Brief
an meine Adresse befördern lassen zu wollen. Da Sie, hochverehrter
Herr, mich einmal zuhause an mich und meinen Wünschen ge-
nügen lassen, so habe ich Sie auf die Güte, nach dem Briefe
Liefert zu versetzen für den möglichen Fall, daß ich da oder dort mit
meinen Wünschen verfahren. Ich habe mich dahin, dem Räumern gemäß,
möglichst speziell gefaltet und will auf daselbst für mich (Wieder-
holungen bringen. Nun möchte ich mir die Bemerkung erlauben,
daß ich für einen Herrn Doctor Betton. Demnach kommt, daß auf
Ihren „meinen Brief aus der Firma“ und weitere Angelegenheiten

Ihr meine Augenaufreißer sind mir unmittelbar lieh. Zu
gleicher Zeit war der genannte Herr auf nöthig und schriftlich
an einen Freund von ihm, welcher dort auf Fabrikbesitzer ist,
einen Mr. Uhlers, wenn ich nicht irre, zu umgesehen, von
welcher Adresse ich aber natürlich erst dann Gebrauch zu machen
beabsichtige, wenn werden könnten meine Augenaufreißer bei
dem Herrn Mr. Phillips zu einem günstigen Reparaturs
sollten. Gestatten Sie mir aber schließlich, daß ich Ihnen und
dem Herrn Mr. Phillips nochmals für das an mich gezeigte
Interesse von ganzem Herzen danke, um Ihre freund-
liche Gewogenheit ausgedrückt bitte und meinen Dank und
Wünsche zusammenfassend in ein verbindliches und frohliches
„Glück auf“!

Mit vollkommenster Hochachtung zueinander

Lw. Weglaborn

Dresden in Sachsen,
den 7. Februar
1859.

ganz ergebenster
Moritz Juch
Bismarckstraße 46 d. L.

From
Moritz Just
Dresden
Saxony

Enclosing letter to Mr
Phillips in relation
to his employment

M

March 16th 1839



all names kept in record

Director of the Church

Philadelphia,

for
Memorandum
N. Y. America.

943

6144

Jackson
er

Treasury Department
Feb: 4. 1859

Sir

I have to advise you that the President has appointed J. Q. James Esq of your City as one of the Commissioners to meet at the Mint on Monday next, in the place of Robert Tyler Esq. who has declined serving on the Commission.

I am very Resp^l

Wm Wells Noble
Sec of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Trmf
Sec Treasury

Appointment of
L. V. James Esq
Assay Commissioner
in place of Rott
System now declining
the appointment
Feb 9, 1839

To The U. S. Mint;

Circular sent
Feb 6. 1860

Gentlemen,

I wish to know of you
what old copper sells at in your
market; & How many coppers I mean
one Cent coppers there is in a pound
of copper. by letting me know
soon you ^{will} much oblige me

address
Bennettsville
S.C

Yours Truly
John C. Pearson

Wm
John S Pearson
Pennellville

S. C.

Price of
old copper

Feb 6. 1860

Circular sent.

FARMERS' BANK OF URBANA.

URBANA, O., July 5th 1859

James N. Walton Esq
Treas. Phila

Dear Sir:====I have received

your favor of the inst., with enclosure, as stated.

I sent to mint 25⁰⁰
Dollars 409. 89 Old silver ordering \$100. New
Certs & balance 1/4 doll. New silver -
As all the silver sent did not belong to me.
I requested the value of each kind to be
sent me. I have received \$418.01 in
payment of the old silver. but no memo of
the value of each kind - Enclosed I
send you a special Circular rec'd few
days ago, and upon which I sent the
silver. I find I would have received more
from special Broker by about \$10 to \$12.00
than you have allowed me. I supposed
you would have allowed me as much
as any one would for it. & besides I can
buy new silver at 1/2% dis & receive the
same for old silver - I did not expect
new silver from you at a discount but I
did expect not to be shaved (for I can
call it nothing else) on 10 dollars on the amt
sent. It may be too much trouble for you to explain this
if not I would like to have it M. S. Clark Chs

Farmers Bank

Urbana, Q

Feb. 5/59

Lord Wayne Feb 5. 1859

M. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Your favor of the 1st inst is at hand & contents duly noted. Enclosed we again

send you 12 Packages each 10^{lb} or 103 1/2 oz nett by weight at 121[¢] oz // 125.23
235 " sent on the 29th ult - 121[¢] " // 284.35
338.58

for which please send us at earliest convenience the new half or quarter Dollars & oblige

Yours very truly
H. O. Agland & Co.
J. C. Trumbull

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S. Hoagland & Co.
Fort Wayne
Inda.

Feb. 5/59

Richard Parker,
President.

W. M. Bectem,
Cashier.

J. P. Hassler,
Ass't Cashier.

Carlisle Deposit Bank.

July 5 1859

Dear Sir,

I forwarded, to day \$500. in
old silver, to the Mint, to your order - Will
you be kind enough to send me your Certificate
of Deposit for amount, in place of returning me
new silver coin.

Yours &c

J R Snowden Esq.

W M Bectem
Cas

Know Th

• M Butler
Capt. Barker
Leport Paw R

Tommy
Cov

Feb 8, 1839 -

Feb. 7. 59.

Dear Sir,

I received this morning your letter of the 5th inst and by express a package containing 9226 in foreign gold coins and 977.70 in old silver coins which I suppose is the coin referred to in your letter. As soon as the value of the deposit is ascertained at mint send you the Mint receipt therefor together with the assay men's names purporting the value of the coin.

Respectfully Yours
James R. Buchanan

H. M. Beaman Esq.
Care of the Bank of the United States
Pa.

Director of the Mint

To. Wm. Barton
Cash. Carle Dep BR
Carle
PA

Indising mint
receipts -

Feb 9, 1859 -

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank _____

Date of Report _____

2-16156

Assay Office, U. S. Mint
February 5. 1859.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,

Director of the Mint, &c

Dear Sir,

There are few matters of greater curiosity, in regard to the people of Japan, than their system of moneys; and at the present moment, when public attention is much drawn in that direction, some details would, we presume, be timely, and acceptable.

The series of Japanese coin consists of three sizes of gold, two of silver, and three of an alloy of inferior metals. In their shape, composition, and relation to each other, they present some striking features, which set them apart from every other system of coinage in the world.

The principal gold coin, known as the cobang, or cobank, is of an oval shape, about two and a half inches long, and half as wide. It is very thin, soft, and easily bent, having no elasticity; its appearance is that of fine gold; and its surface is marked by sundry figures not well understood as yet, although it is said that the flowery ornaments are "the arms of the spiritual emperor," and that a certain centred cypher is the special imprint of the "Inspector-general of moneys". The weight, two specimens agreeing, is 362 thousandths of an ounce, or

nearly 174 grains. Next is a gold piece of one-fourth that weight, and intended as a quarter of the preceding, called the "gold itzebu"; but its form is entirely different. It is four-sided, ~~and~~ rectangular, and very thick; three-fourths of an inch long, and half that in width. The smallest gold coin is the half ^{itzebu} ~~itzebu~~, of proportional size. — We have ^{next} ~~then~~ the silver itzebu, and its quarter, of the same domine shape; the larger piece weighing .280 oz, or $134\frac{1}{2}$ grains. — Passing to the third division, there is the "hundred p'senny", a casting of red brass, oval, and thick; measuring two inches long, and a little more than half as wide; with a hole in the centre. Finally there are pieces of four, and one p'senny, circular, with holes in the centre, and scarcely to be distinguished from the well-known Chinese cash.

The composition of these coins, a subject falling within our particular province, has been to some extent examined. The gold cobang and itzebu, as was observed, have the appearance of fine gold; and it is said, are regarded at home as being of high quality. But is only necessary to scratch away the surface, to discover that the Japanese understand the process of pickling, well known to workers in jewelry, whether in America or Asia, or even in the centre of Africa. Trusting to the somewhat permanent effects of "hard biting."

they have not even added copper to mitigate the whitening effect of silver alloy; the mixture being gold and silver, and not far from equal proportions. The cobang, two pieces assayed, gave $567\frac{1}{2}$ and $568\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths fine; the ityebre resulted 566. These figures indicate a designed, though probably a secret, standard. The consequent intrinsic values are, according to our Mint rates, and allowing for silver contained, \$4.44 for the cobang, and 1.11 (nearly) for the ityebre.

It is interesting to observe, that although so ignorant of the methods of ^{other} nations, Japan has imitated, and even exceeded them, in the process of deterioration of moneys. About the beginning of the last century, the cobang, quite similar in shape and device to the present piece, weighed 272 grains, was 854 fine, and worth just ten dollars. A century later, it had fallen to 196 grains, 667 fine, and worth (including silver) \$5.78.

The smallest-gold coin has not been assayed; it evidently contains but little gold, and has therefore a forced valuation. — The transition to the next piece in order, the largest silver coin, affords a fresh surprise. ^{called the silver ityebre, and is} It is found to be of almost absolute fineness; that is, 991 thousandths. While this proves that the Japanese possess the art of refining, it does not explain why they should debase the gold, and refine the silver. The smaller silver piece is apparently not inferior in fineness.

The foregoing details will be interesting to the numismatist and metallurgist; but the fact which remains, will excite a more popular attention. It is in regard to the legal relation which these coins bear to each other. Insulated from the rest of mankind, the Japanese have proportioned gold to silver according to their own ideas of use, and the state of supply. The gold and silver ityebu are, as is stated, interchangeable; that is, a piece which is worth in our eyes 111 cents (and to a Japanese, worth nearly as much as two of our gold dollars, because he supposes it to be much better gold than it is,) buys no more than a piece which, with us, would be 37 cents. The Spanish or Mexican dollar, they consider equal to three ityebus; which is three-fourths of a cobang, or \$3.33. The abundance of gold, or scarcity of silver, which creates such a strange ratio, would no doubt be promptly corrected by foreign traders, for the sake of the handsome profit. But unfortunately there is a stringent law against the exportation of coin, which makes it very difficult even to get a few pieces for assay. For our facilities in this respect, we are indebted to the perseverance of a gentleman who is interested in the collection of rare coins, and to his correspondent abroad.

What relation the oval piece of brass, which passes for "one hundred pi'senny" bears to the ityebu, we are not informed. It weighs only about six times as much as the piece of our pi'senny, and therefore bears an arbitrary value; unless brass is there held to be vastly more valuable than an alloy of copper and lead, which

appears to be the composition of the coin which
stands at the bottom of the scale.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servts
J. R. Eckfeldt;
Wm E. Dubois.

Mr
Messrs Eckfeldt
& Dubois
Mining Office
West Virginia
In answer to your
Letter of 17. 1837—

Treasury Department
February 4. 1859

Sir

I have to inform you that
the President has designated Robert Tyler Esq
of Philadelphia and Professor ^ACarwell of
Brown University to meet at the Mint on
the 2nd Monday of this month for the purpose
of testing the correctness of the assays of the Coinage
of the Mint and Branches in the States in compliance
with the provisions of the 32nd Sect. of the Act of
the 18th of January 1837 - in the place of J. S. Swain
Esq. & Professor Henry who have declined serving.

I am very Res^l
Wm. Lobb
Sec of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Wm. J. Leasurey

February 1859

Naming Wm. Leasurey
& Robert Taylor Esq
as Assay Commission-
ers in place of
D. T. Swain Esq and

Wm. Henry

Feb. 1859

No. 4

Memorandum of *Silver* Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for
Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S.
Assay Office, New York.

February 4th 1859

8 BOXES, No.

1 @ 8

BARS. 86

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.
Wic ^a coin	1	1	90	25896	Wic ^a coin	22	16	1215	45893½	State	23	11	274	10816
"	2	1	104	60894½	Wic ^a coin	23	16	1142	50898	Sen ^a Bar	4	1	195	00864
Wic ^a coin	3	4	860	40898	Wic ^a coin	4	2	292	55797½	Wic ^a coin	5	4	749	55900
"	4	2	859	90898	Wic ^a coin	5	3	562	70897½	Sen ^a Bar	6	1	119	20888½
Old Am C	5	5	854	05901½	Sen ^a Bar	6	2	265	20882	State	7	1	72	73854
Wic ^a C	6	3	597	20889½	Wic ^a coin	7	2	233	95819	Fin ^a Manu	8	3	565	85900
Sen ^a Bar	7	3	487	10890½	Wic ^a coin	8	1	121	30898	"	9	10	1750	95901½
Wic ^a coin	8	3	652	50884½	Old Am coin	9	4	851	90902	"	30	4	796	15901
Sen ^a Bar	9	1	103	40861	Wic ^a coin	2	12	221	60863	Sen ^a Bar	15	1	65	10786
Wic ^a coin	10	1	150	90922	Wic ^a coin	1	2	373	40924	Wic ^a coin	2	1	158	85895
Old Am Coin	11	2	252	20899½	Wic ^a coin	2	1	102	50897½					
28 5012 55					31 5383 05					274747 53				
Gold 10 150 90 72										31 5383 05				
" 21 373 40 67½										28 5012 55				
" 31 65 10 70½														
										86 15143 13				

15001.61 Ounces Stand^d @ \$1.21

\$18451.95

Gold in 1910. 150.90 @ 72½ = 120.72
 " 24. 373.40 @ 67½ = 28.005
 " 31. 65.10 @ 70½ = 5.100

45477 = 840.50

Deduct for parting. . . . \$9.17
 " Silver alloy.55
 " Coinage.420

13.92

826.58

Net Value, \$18,978.53

N 4. Silver

\$ 18,978.53

Rec^d, Feb 5 1859

To Fitch Pool Esq
Com^d. School
South ~~Danvers~~ Danvers
Mass.

Request payment
Dues

Feb. 11, 1859

1859

Feb 17. 59

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 15th inst covering check for one hundred and five dollars in payment of the medals ordered by You on the 4th inst, and which have been forwarded to You addressed to Messrs Adams Express Co.

Enclosed please find a receipt bill for the medals and certificate of the amount paid therefor, which I will thank you to sign and return to me.

Lotch Pool Esq,
South Danvers,
Mass.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Feb 11. 9.

Dear Sir,

The means ordered by you a few days since will be finished in the course of a day or two. The charge for the means will be as follows:

To ~~the~~ means ordered \$100.00

5 charges

1

5.00

\$105.00

Please send me the amount in gold coin, free of expense, or if more convenient you may remit by draft on this city, or New York.

Very Respectfully,

~~Samuel May~~

Director of the Mission

Fitch Pole Esq
School Comtee
South Danvers
Mass.

South Danvers
Feb. 4. 1859

Y
h

Director of U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Will you please
cause 40 copies of the "Peabody
Medal" to be struck at your
earliest convenience ^(in Silver), also, 5
copies in Bronze and the
cost will be remitted as you
may order.

Please send by Express
and oblige

Yours &c
Fitch Poole
for School Com^{tee}
South Danvers
Mass

204,060 03 119.29
998 1/2 Fine

Dear Sir

Boston Feb 15/59

Yours of the 11th Inst.
is recd -

Enclosed I hand you
Ch. on your City for One
Hundred & Five (\$105) Dollars
on acct of Medals the receipt
of which please acknowledge
and send the Medals by ex-
press as before advised -

Yours

Very truly
Yr Paole

for School Com^{tee}

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint -

J. M. S.
Little Rock Eng
South Duxbury
Mass.

Draft for payment
Medan Bill.

Medan, forwarded

Feb 17. 1859. -

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 4. 1859

Sir

As per Receipt and invoice enclosed
I have transmitted Eight Boxes Silver Bullion
of the net value of \$ 18,151.95 contains Gold
\$ 826.58 net.

I will thank you to remit half
dollars for the former, and double eagles for
the latter.

Very Respectfully

J M Walton Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint

Wm J. C. Esq
Treasurer

P.S. 200 Empty bags returned.

Treas. Assay Office

N. York

Feb. 4/59

No. 4

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Eight

boxes, containing

Silver

Bullion, of the net value of (\$ 18,978.53)

Eighteen thousand, nine

hundred & seventy eight

53
100 Dollars,

for transportation
~~which we agree to insure against all risks, and delivery to the~~ TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, July 4 1859

200 Empty bags.

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

J. C. Parker

ORIGINAL.

Office of the Damascus Steel and Iron Company,
71 JOHN STREET,

WORKS—At Staten Island and 47th Street, cor. 2d Avenue.

New-York,

Feb'y 11th 1859.

To J James R Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philad^a

Sir

We had this pleasure on the 1st inst with invoice of one bar of $1\frac{3}{4}$ 0 Steel.

To day we have sent per Express
1 Bar $1\frac{1}{2}$ 0.

Hoping the Steel will prove
Equal to your necessities

Very Respectfully
Yours Ob^d Serv^t
A. Churchill Treas

Miss
Thomas Cus Stet
tomb.
New York

Forwarding Samples
of Stet

Feb 5, 1891

Department of the Interior.
February 4th 1859.

Sir,

Herewith are enclosed forty six coupons, of the value of \$1.150, and a draft in your favor upon the Cashier of the Farmer's & Mechanics' Bank of your city for \$1,250, which you will oblige me by collecting and depositing to the credit of the Treasurers of the U. S. forwarding certificates in the usual form to this Department.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Thompson

Secretary.

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director U. S. Mint,
Philada Penn.

1187.50
1150
\$ 2337.50

Journal of J. J. J. J.

Collection of Coupons
+ List of Loans & Stocks

Feb 5, 1899

February 5, 87.

Sir,

I received this morning your favor of yesterday with the enclosures stated and in compliance with your request have collected the following amounts:

46 5 percent Coupons \$25 each \$1,150.00

and your draft on Farmers & Mechanics
Bank for ————— \$1,250

Less 5 per cent state tax thereon 62.50 — 1,187.50

Amount \$2,387.50

for which you will please find enclosed, according to your directions, certificates of deposit signed by the Asst. Treasurer U. States in this city.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

Samuel Pop. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. J. Thompson,
Sec of the Interior.

copy

Agent of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb 2 1859

Gentlemen

On the return of the
Endorsed vouchers, duly accepted
by you I will send you my
check for the amount of your
bill for the last lot of me Rice

Signed J R S

Stouten

Henry Baillart & Co,
N.Y.

To J. J. Van Hook
N.Y.

Enclosing Bill
of Exchange
for Signature

Feb. 2, 1837

To

J. A. Brown Esq
Treas^r from St. Ag. Soc
Hartford
Conn.

Forwarding Medal,
per Adams Express

Feb. 2, 1839

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank _____

Date of Report _____

2-16156

Feb 2, 9.

Sir,

I send You today per Adams Express a box containing the medals ordered by You on the 25th December last.

As requested I have placed the bill (duly receipted) for the above medals in the hands of the Express Co. for collection.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. L. Barber,
Director of the Mint.

J. A. Brown Esq.,
Treas. Comm. State & Liberty,
Hartford,
Conn.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Feb. 2. 1859

The Comm. State Ag. & Society
To Medal Fund U. S. Mint Dr

For 24 Fine gold medals @ \$2	\$48.00
" 15 Silver "	3.50
	52.50
	<u>\$100.50</u>

Received Payment
James A. B. Borden
Director of the Mint.

Brunston Mills, Preston Co, Va
Feb 3^d 1859

To Treasurer of the
U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Dr Sir I have a lot of old
American & Spanish coins that I wish to exchange
at the mint for the new coins - Please inform
me by return mail what is the "least" sum ex-
changed by the mint - The reason of my making
the enquiry is that I have been informed that you
would only exchange in very large quantities

What I have, I shall be compelled to send by express
and might as well send to the mint at once

Your attention to this will greatly oblige yours

Respectfully
John W Hoffman
(1)

John H. Hoffman

Bruceton Mills

Virg-

Feb. 3/59

John H. Hoffman

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb. 23 9.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 11th inst. in
reference to the chilled Roll ordered for the Mint,
I have to state that the Roll must corres-
pond in dimensions with the drafts fur-
nished to you.

I regret on your account that
the Roll made by you does not enclose
to the size directed and that it is therefore
useless to the Mint for the purpose designed.

Very respectfully
Yours &c.

James A. B. Rowland
Director of the Mint

Mr. John Parry
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pittsburg Feb. 1899
James P. Snowden Esq.

Sir
This morning
in finishing out the Letter Ball ordered
for the W. Mont. I found it will only finish
to $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches full - the size as given is $7\frac{3}{8}\frac{1}{16}$
diameter - this is one of the most perfect finished
and nicest Balls I ever saw - and I do not
like if it would suit to throw it away -
I write therefore to ascertain if this will answer
and if so I will trouble you to let me
know and if you could not turn down
the order to this size which is $\frac{3}{16}$ off it - as otherwise
I will turn in and make another - which
will be attended with some delay - I regret
this but cannot help it

Respectfully
John A. Pamy

From Vt. Jno. C. Parry:

Feb. 3^d 1859.

Chilled Rollo for mint.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Feb. 1, 9.

Sir,

I have received your letter, without date, with the specimens enclosed.

I have examined the specimens and have ascertained that it is Copper pyrites, an ore of iron and Copper combined with Sulphur.

I am very respectfully
Yours obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the U. S. Mints.

Reuben Jones Esq.

Ripelsburg

Warren Co.

Penn^a.

Exmt
J. Reuben Jones
Rapidburg
Pa

Sample of mineral

Feb 1, 1839

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Feb. 1. 9

Dear Sir

I regret to learn that the 13th Regulation respecting closing the window shutters has been neglected in the whitening room. On investigation I find that the window which looks out towards the square has been frequently left unclosed when the workmen left; and last evening it was found open.

I have to request that you see that the regulation can better be carried by the workmen in your Department.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt.

For the Chief Clerk } James Richardson
of the Com. } Director.
U.S. Mint.

To Geo R. Chiles Esq
Chief Comdr
V. S. Mint

Call his attention
to the non closing
of the Union Shutter
on the Whiting Road
& request that he
serve of the
13th regulations

Feb 1. 1839—

Return of Absence of Workmen in Courier's Department
 = ment for the month of Feby 1859-

Names	Sick	Private Business	Military Engagement	no Excuse	attend a funeral	3 mo deducted for absence		
Yeager	2	4/10				2 1/2		
Kensel -						2 1/2		
Mitchell -	1					1 1/2		
Monilla	1		4/10			1 1/2		
Fully			4/10					
Wignmore	5		8/10			5 1/2		
Palmer		2/10	4/10			1 1/2		
Pickel			4/10					
Burker	1					1 1/2		
Gollins -	2					6 1/2		
Forsman	2					2 1/2		
Gunio -	2					10 1/2		
Jackson.	4					4 1/2	to be rectified if he brings Physo. Certif	
Leatheman.	4	5				29 1/2		
McGully	4		8/10			4 1/2		
McLaughlin	10					28 1/2		
Mulholland	2					2 1/2		
Hunnely -	1					1 1/2		
Snyder -	24					120 1/2		
Thomas -	2		8/10			2 1/2		
Prenot -		6/10		1		13 1/2		
Shaffer		4/10				2 1/2		
Hackett				5		50 1/2		
Louden					4/10	2 1/2		
Abel		1				5 1/2		
	67	7 6/10	4	6	4/10	29 3/4	3 1/2	85 Days

Return of overtime in Courier's Department
 for February 1859

Lawrence Seow.	2 1/2
Shaffer -	3 1/2
Lawrence	13 1/2
Blaw	13 1/2
O'Connell	13 1/2
McGinnis	13 1/2
van Osten	23 1/2
Clinton	3 1/2
Husker	4 1/2
Jeffries -	5 1/2
Louden -	3 1/2
Huston	4 1/2
Abel -	3 1/2
	102

102 2 1/2

Chief Quartermaster's Department

Feb'y 25th 1859

Humble

I Ross Snowden

Director US Mint

Dear Sir

You will perceive from the accompanying return of absence in this department for the month of February that the operatives in the various departments of coinage under my care have been punctual and attentive to their respective duties —

I desire now to advert to the case of Wm Gilchrist. Since his dismissal I have been incessantly importuned by his family and friends to recommend his re-instatement on the Mint Rolls. I have resisted these appeals until I have become satisfied that a real reformation of his habit of intemperance had taken place. Being satisfied that this has been effected and sympathizing with his aged mother and family who are really

in want I am induced to ask you to
review his case and if possible restore
him to his old position as gate-keeper of
the two western gates as there appears
to be ample work for two persons in con-
sequence of the great amount of rubbish
accumulated there from the various
departments of the Mint

Respectfully submitted

Geo T. Childs
chief coinier

From

Geo R Chubb Esq
Chyff House
U. S. Mint

Absence. —

care of Gilchrist.

Recommendation
of Charles Johnson
to the asking
for re installation
of Gilchrist
enclosed herewith.

Director orders
him to be placed
in some suitable
place at \$1 —
per day. —

Feb 1st / 1839

Col J Ross Snowden
Director U S Mint

Dear Sir we as Workmen
Employed under you most Respectfully
recommmend to your sympathies
Wm Gilchrist we believe that his conduct
has been such that justified you as
Director of the institution in discharging
and Making the Example that you have
made of him - but his situation is such
that he has no other dependence for a liveli-
hood and we can see no other termination
for him but beggary

Gilchrist has pledged himself to us to
conduct himself so that there will be no fault
with him hereafter If you should reconsid-
er his case and reinstate him in the
Mint you would favour us much
and in our opinion be doing a good action

We remain Yours

Dominick Mullin

George Shaffer

Leander Callane

Thomas Collins

Andrew Hackett

Chas L Daniel

A M Gittigan

Michael Dowling

~~Lawrence A Quinn~~
Lawrence A Quinn

James McGarvey

Robert McCullough

Martin Summers

John Mitchell

Most Respectfully

Wm Johnson

John T Husler

William Tvering

Andrew Souden

Frank Clinton

Wm Maffey

John A Bell

John Philips

Wm Hutchinson

George Shaw

James Griffith

Daniel Carrigan

John L Mc Linnis

Edw. A. Doyle James M^c Dermott
Isaac Smith Alphus E. Noe
John Leatherman
William C. Morris
James M. Loughton
G. Thomas
Joseph M. Loughton
Ed. Delaney
Henry Van Horn
John Mouille

Cabinet - U. S. Mint

Feb. 22^d 1859.

Col. A. R. Snowden.

dr. Sir.

I beg leave to suggest the propriety of placing in the Cabinet, specimens of the different dies of the pattern Cent of 1858. We have, at present, duplicates of one die, viz: the large wreath and shield, I believe there were several different Reverses, and one different obverse, - (the small eagle). I hear many inquiries from the visitors, - especially from persons interested in the subject of Coin Collecting, in regard thereto, All of whom think it strange that we should not have what nearly every collector in the City, (tho' not connected with the Mint) has got.

I remain Sir. Yours obt. Servt. Geo. B. Bull

Im Geo Bull
Employed S Min

Specimen pattern
cuts for cabinet

Feb 25, 1859

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1857/FEBRUARY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1859/MARCH

Monthly Reports
of

Conduct of
Employees in
Treasury Dept.

U. S. Mint

1858-1859.

Mint of the United States,

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia, April 12 1859.

Sir,

In pursuance of the 21st Rule, of the "General Regulations for the Mint and its Branches" I take pleasure in again reporting that the persons employed in my Department, have given attention to their several duties, & have conducted themselves with skill, & sobriety.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obt Serv^t.

J O W Walton

Treas U S Mint

Am J Rob Snowden
Director U S Mint
Phila^a.

Report
Treasurer W S Minor
for March 1839

Mint of the United States,

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia, August 31st 1859.

Sir.

I have the pleasure to report
that the Clerks in my Department,
have conducted themselves with
fidelity, and attention to their
several duties.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Servt.

J. M. Walton

Treas. U.S. Mint.

Hon. J. Robt. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Report of
Treasurer

for Mo. August 1889.

Mint of the United States,

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia, Aug 1st 1859.

Sir.

I have the pleasure to report, under the 21st rule of the "General Regulations of the Mint & its Branches," that the persons employed in my Department in the past month, have conducted themselves with propriety, and attentive to their several duties,

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
J. A. Maclean

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director of U.S. Mint.

Treas. U.S. Mint

To
The Treasurer of
the Mint
Report for July, 1857

Mint of the United States,

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia, Jan'y 6 1859

Sir,

In pursuance of the "Dis-
cuss" General Regulations of the Mint and
its branches"

I take pleasure in re-
porting that the persons employed in my
Department, have conducted themselves
with skill, sobriety and fidelity, their
attendance to duties and general
habits. So far as I have observed,
have been commendable

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

J O Wallin
Treasr US Mint

Wm J Ross Snowden
Director US Mint
Phil^a.

Report
For December 1858.

Treasurer,

Report of the
Treasurer of the Union
Dec 1, 1858

To
Mr R. Lutes Esq
53 Bleeker St
N.Y.

forwarding 2 sets
Silv prop conis
+ 9 ~~4~~ etc in charge

March 1, 1839 -
Lut

Per Adams Express Co.

March 1, 59.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find two sets
proof silver coins 1859 - ----- 24.00
Change ----- 94
\$5.00

sent in compliance with your request of January
last enclosing five dollars.

Respectfully,
H. R. Linscuman
for the Directors of the Mint

Mr John K. Curtis
110 53 Broadway
New York

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Copy
Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia March 2, 1857.

Dear Sir,

I have in the absence of the Director of the Mint, to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 28th ult. stating that an amendment extending the time for exchanging cents for Spanish coins had passed both houses and would become a law.

On the return of the Director from New Orleans, for which place he left on Saturday last, on an official visit to the branch Mint in that City, he will no doubt express his obligations to you for your exertions in procuring the passage of the amendment in question.

With great respect,
Your obt. Servt.,
H. R. Lindeman
for the ~~Director~~ Director of the Mint

Hon. Henry M. Phillips

Hon. Reps
Washington.

To
Hon Anna M Phillips
Anna Rps Washington

Ack receipt of this
letter of 28th ult.

March 2, 1839 -

83 Meeker St. N.Y.
March 2^d 1859

G. A. Snenden Esq=

Dear Sir

Please accept my thanks
for your kindness in sending 2
Proof Sets of Coins to me
and hoping that I may be able
to return the compliments to you

I remain Your Very Truly

Wm R. Wallis

To
Col Snenden -

Wm L
do K. Curtis Esq
N. Y.

A Receipt
of 2 Set proof
coin

Mar 3, 1837

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
March 3^d 1859.

Hon. Jas. Ross Snowden,

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

A copy ^{of} a communication recently received at this office, from Mr. Trevitt, Esqr. U. S. Consul at Valparaiso, on the subject of the currency of Chili, dated 31st Decr. 1858, is herewith respectfully inclosed for your consideration.

Will you have the goodness to advise me of the value of the several ^{Chilian} gold coins mentioned by Mr. Trevitt, compared with our gold coinage, as they appear to have been omitted in the Table; and also to inform me what the unit, or standard of value of the currency of Chili, is.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

W. M. Wells
Comptroller

From To
Hon W Medill
Comptroller Treasury
Washington City

Coins of Chile - Knapp
& value -

List of Consuls
of foreign countries
requested to

March 7, 1889

March 7, 57

Sir,

Your favor of the 3^d inst. enclosing a copy of a communication from H. B. Smith Esq, U. S. Consul at Valparaiso, on the subject of the currency of Chile, has been received.

The calculations of Consul Smith are correct, and the weight and assay of the gold coins, or pieces of ten pesos, are confirmed by the statement of foreign coins accompanying the last annual report of the Director of the Mint. See page 65. Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the Finances 1857-8. But until this time we have had no means of knowing whether gold, or silver, of Chile, was the proper basis of comparison, and therefore could not indicate that item in the Table prepared for you some time since.

The Director of the Mint, is absent on an official visit to the French Mint, at New Orleans.

Before he left he had fully resolved that we
must possess ourselves of some complete and accurate
information, as to the practical currency of foreign
countries, by addressing a circular letter to
Consuls. In paratory to this, it would be a
favor if You would give us a list of names
containing one Consul or Consul-General, for
each Nation, most likely to be familiar with
the subject; and further in cases out of the
common route of travel, to intimate by what
route or means a letter will most certainly and
expeditiously be carried.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant
H. R. Lindeman
for the Director of the Mint

Hon H. Medill,
Comptroller,
Treasury Department,
Washington City

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

March 9

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst I have to state that the charge referred to is an error, the freight having been pre paid here. Enclosed is a note from the Agent of Winsley & Co in this city from which it appears that you will have to ask the New York express Co. to refund the amount.

Very Respectfully,
J. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Theron Pardee Esq.
Cashier McKean & Co.,
Bloomington, Mo.

The McLean County Bank.

Bloomington, Ill., March 4, 1859.

To the Director of the
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir

I have just rec'd
by Express 2 Bags containing \$65. in
new cents, in return for like amount
old silver sent you Jan 19th.

The bags come subject to \$4. Express
charges, which I suppose to be an
error, as I observe by your circular
of April 27, 1857, that the "Mint will
pay the reasonable expenses of transport-
ation of the new cent to any point ac-
cessible by Rail Road and Steamboat."

Please advise me if my supposition
is right, and if so, will you see the
Express Co. (Kinsley & Co) and have the
error corrected.

Yours Truly
Theron Pardee

Im Top
Rem Parady
McRenn C Bank
Bloomington
Ill

Express freight
on Cents

March 10, 1889—

To
M. F. Anderson Esq
~~Sup~~ Newark
N.Y.

in relation to freight
charges on cents

March 4, 1859—

Mar 4. 9

Dear Sir,

The freight you refer to was
pre paid at the Mint.

The American Express Co. will
refund you the amount and explain the
matter.

Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

J. M. Sanderson Esq,
Newark,
Wayne Co.,
New York.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Waltham in Nov 2

Mr Jos Russ Snowden
My dear Sir.

I feel pleased
to inform you
that we have
at last succeeded
in securing the
approach to
75¢ per ton workman
wages in Packert.
I was thickened over to
our house. I had it
put on in the smoke
our house again
which it was. I then
succeeded with the
Committee to insist upon the
original amount.

which was reinstated
and passed our
house, which

will now enable
you to carry on
the work during
the next year

Yours

J. L. Lacey

Mr
Hon James Sauley
M.C. Washington ~~Dist~~

Wages appropriate
town. U.S. Mint
restored &c

March 4, 1839—

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

March 13, 59.

Sir,

In reply to Your letter of 7th inst I have to state that if You send us a draft on this City or New York we will send You a corresponding amount in such denomination of new coin as You may indicate - We make exchanges of this character to accommodate parties at distant points with change.

The Mint pays the expense of transportation on the new cut coin when the amount transmitted reaches \$50.-

Very Respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

G. W. Adams Esq,
Care B. Lake Shore R.R.,
Manitowoc,
Wis.

Lake Shore Bank,

Manitowoc, 5th March 1859

James K. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint Phil
Dear Sir

At what
rate do you remit New coin for Draft on
New York (for instance \$125 including 25
for the new coin or \$100 including the cost.
And whether or no the draft must be remitted
in advance or before the receipt of the coin

Yours Truly
G. W. Adams

Wm L

Wm L. Adams, President

Wm L. Adams, President

Wm L. Adams, President

Exchange com
for draft

March 13, 1889-

W.H.S.

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
March 7th 1859.

James H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir: Your ac of Ordinary Expenses
for the quarter ending 31st December 1858 has this day been ad-
justed at the Treasury per Rep. No 133,336 and a balance found
to be due from you to the United States of. \$16,135.17

Bal. claimed per your ac current as due by you to the U.S. of 16,134.87

Making a difference of \$0.30

which is thus explained.

Amount overpaid Peter Wagner (in Vou 334 Contg^t Exp) Bill for Ice,
error in addition, which is disallowed & explains difference \$0.30.

Allow me also to call your attention to
the fact that in the Bill above mentioned (Vou 334 Contg Exp) that
Mr Wagner has charged and been allowed \$1.30 less than
he is entitled to - he has charged for Ice from 24th February
to 18th March 1858 (3 weeks & 2 days) @ \$1.40 per week, only \$3.30
when the true amount is \$4.60 which makes the above difference
of \$1.30

Very Respectfully

Yours obt. servt

W. M. All

Comptroller.

Comptroller U. S.

Washington

Mar. 7/59

Albany Georgia - March 7. 1859
 To The Director of the U.S. Mint
 or to H. R. Linderman for him
 Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir

I received
 your favor of Feb 28, in answer to my letter
 of 22^d. The following merchants have
 contributed the several amounts mentioned
 below to make one thousand dollars
 for which I send you a check
 drawn by Agency of Maine Bank on American
 Ex Bank New York, made payable to
 order of H. R. Linderman.

You will much oblige the parties if you
 will put up their amounts separately, then
 put the whole in one package & send as cheap
 as you can to ~~Nelson~~ Tift Albany Ga. by
 "Hazardous Express"

N. P. Brinsford	-	✓	\$30	✓	in halves	\$40	-	in quarters	\$20	-	in dimes	^{4 dimes} \$10 = \$100.
Weller & King	-	✓	20	✓	"	50	"	20	"	10	"	= 100
A. G. Owen	-	✓	15	✓	"	20	"	10	"	5	"	= 50
D. Meyer & Bros.	-	✓	15	✓	"	20	"	10	"	5	"	= 50
J. O. Welch	-	✓	100	✓	"	30	"	15	"	5	"	= 50
L. E. Welch	-	✓	100	✓	"	55	"	20	"	5	"	= 200
Robt Morrow	-	✓	50	✓	"	125	"	20	"	5	"	= 200
N. Tift	-	✓	50	✓	"	150	"	40	"	10	"	= 250
			<u>\$280</u>		+	<u>\$510</u>		+	<u>\$155</u>		+	<u>\$55</u> = <u>\$1000</u>

very respectfully yours etc etc
 Nelson Tift

March 11. 9

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Your letter of the 7th inst with the enclosed
draft on New York for one Thousand dollars,
which I have deposited for collection, and will
send You the proceeds, in the denominations of
Coin desired in two or three days.

Very Respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Mr. Nelson Tift,
Albany,
Georgia.

Albany Ga May 21. 1857.

Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

The Silver
Coin One thousand dollars for check sent
comes to hand & express this morning.

accept thanks

Yours respectfully

Chamberlin
for Nelson & Co

Wm.
Nelson Gift
Albany
Ga

Recd. Receipt of
\$1000 Silver
coin for draft
for that amt
on N.Y.

March 27. 1889.

March 16. 59

Dear Sir,

I have sent You this day
per Adams Express Co. one thousand dollars,
in silver coin, (of the denominations specified in
Your letter of 7th inst) being proceeds of draft
for that amount received from You a
few days since. Please acknowledge
the receipt of the coin.

Very Respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Mr Nelson Cift,
Albany,
Ga.

The Director of the Mint
is absent on a visit to the Branch Mint
at New Orleans

Wm L
Nelson Gift
Albany
Genoa

Draft \$1000 rec.
Silver Com (returned)
therefor

March 16. 1889-

Annie Kent -

1308 Armonk St. -

Dr Stocker

Per Booth

To J. S. Chesney

In Statement
Deposits & Comings
Mut & Branches
4th Q. ~~1858~~ 1838
enclosed

March 7, 1839—

March 1859

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia _____ 18

Mar 7. 9.

Sir

I present herewith a quarterly statement
of the Deposits & Coinage at the Mint and its branches
during the 4th Quarter 1858.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
W. R. Lindeman
for the Director of the Mint.

Wm. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Dayton Ohio Mar. 7 1859
Essays, U.S. Mint Phila.

Dear Sir

Permit me
to trouble you for a little information, which I can
not otherwise obtain correctly, The People have discor-
dered altogether. The Spanish Silver Coin reducing them to
20¢, the result will be that the Coin will be withdrawn
from Circulation, and will produce a scarcity of
Change, The information desired is what will the
Mint allow for the Spanish quarter dollar, and will
the return by express other Coin for exchange, we
are obliged to do something of the kind to keep Change
in supply, your answer is awaited

Very Truly
Joseph Brown

Mr J. B. Brown

Esq

Dayton

~~Ohio~~
Ohio

Paid for
Shanklin

Am by circular

March 10, 1839

Ed.
Sec Treasury

Extension of time
for receiving Spanish
& Mex Coin in Exchange
for new cents

March 8. 1859-

March 8, 57.

Sir,

Deposits of Spanish & Mexican change are offered daily at the Mint for exchange for cents, but we have declined receiving them since the 31st ult., at which time, the provision of law authorizing their receipt expired by its own limitation.

An amendment extending the time for the exchange of cents for the old coin in question, for two years from the above date, is understood to have passed both Houses during the late session of Congress. I will thank you to inform me if the same became a law in order that we may give the public notice of the fact.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
A. R. Linderman
Acting Director of the Mint.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Treasury Department
March 9 1859

Sir

In reply to the enquiry contained in your letter of the 8th inst, I herewith enclose a copy of the 2^d Lecture of the Act of March inst, which as you will see, prolongs the authority in the exchanges referred to for two years from the 21st ult^o.

Very respectfully
Yours &c

Wm. Lobb
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Menden

Secretary of the Mint

Philadelphia

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, that the authority given by the 6th section of the Act entitled "An Act relating to foreign coins and to the coinage of cents at the Mint of the United States" approved February twenty one, eighteen hundred and fifty seven, to pay out, at the Mint the cents authorised and directed by said Act, to be coined, in exchange for the fractional parts of the dollar therein named, at their nominal values of 25, $12\frac{1}{2}$, and $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents respectively, shall be and the same hereby is extended to two years from and after the 21st day of February 1859, and no longer.

Approved

3d March 1859.

Thos L Treasury

Enclosing copy of
~~Amendment~~ the
2nd Sect of Act
of 3^d March
extending time
for exchanging
cents for Spanish
& Mexican coin

Mar 11. 1834—

A. S. Vulcanized Gutta Percha Belting and Packing Co.

2102 PO

OFFICE, ~~66 LIBERTY STREET~~

42 Exchange Pl

New-York, Mar 10th 1859
H R Lundeman Esq
Dr Sir

I am in rec^t of yours of yest^r
from which I regret to learn that the second
lot of Belting also did not answer your
purpose, please to retain it for the
present Subject to our Order, and
remit us the amount of the packing
as ^{pr} enclosed Invoice which I have
received as ^{pr} your request

Remain

Yours Very Respy
Wm S Gulley
Agent for
Assignee

I am To

U. S. G. P. Belting Co
N. Y.

In relation to
rejected Belting
order, same

to be kept to
their order

March 11, 1889

March 13. 59.

Sir,

I duly received yours of the 10th inst.
but not the receipted invoice stated to have been
enclosed therein. - It must have been overlooked.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Lindeman
for the Director of the Mint.

Mr Wm D. Hall,
Agt. & -
2102 Post Office.
New York.

Paris Augt March 10/89
James Prof Snowden Esq

Sir

yours in relation to
Bill for the Mint which I am about to furnish
is duly received and in reply will say to you that
to day we put in a third with Lathes to furnish
and hope it will turn out good - the first as
you are aware already we threw out the 2^d we condemn-
ed by a fountain hole which turned up as we were
furnishing it down. And this the 3^d attempt shows
we will be able to let you have it as soon as possible

Respectfully
John C Barry
By D. H. G.

From
Mr C Barry
Rutledge

in explanation delay
~~as to~~ finishing vol,

March 16. 1889

A. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 11. 1859

Sir

As for receipt and invoice enclosed
I have this day forwarded by the Adams Ex-
press Company thirteen boxes Silver bullion, of
the net value of \$30,154.07 Contains gold
\$1444.14 net for which I will thank you to
 remit

\$15,000. in dimes

10,000. " 1/2 "

5,154.07 " half dollars

1444.14 " double eagles

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Cice
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Office

New York

Mar. 11/59

No. 7

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Thirteen boxes, containingSilver Bullion, of the net value of (\$ 31 298.21)Thirty One Thousand, Two
Hundred & ninety eight 21
Dollars,
100For transportation
which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York,

March 11 1859

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Hoey

No. 7

Memorandum of *Silver* Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for
Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S.
Assay Office, New York.

March 11th 1859

13 BOXES, Nos

1 @ 13

140 BARS.

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.
Mex ^d Coin	81	2	279	45898	Mex Dollars	96	5	864	10900	Haytian C	111	5	871	75608 ¹ / ₂
"	2	1	118	20863 ¹ / ₂	"	7	5	863	40899 ¹ / ₂	"	2	6	1119	90621
Orb Disc	3	3	586	80951 ¹ / ₂	Mex ^d Coin	8	4	644	90899 ¹ / ₂	Mex ^d Coin	3	6	1199	55894 ¹ / ₂
Den ^d Bar	4	2	267	65969	den ^d Bars	9	2	212	45639	Old Am C	4	4	822	75900 ¹ / ₂
Mex Dollars	5	7	1276	30901	Mex ^d Coin	100	1	109	90896	"	5	4	689	70900
"	6	4	863	45901 ¹ / ₂	Orb Disc	1	2	397	10976 ¹ / ₂	Mex Dollars	6	4	865	30901 ¹ / ₂
Mex ^d Coin	7	1	154	05888 ¹ / ₂	Mex ^d Coin	2	3	443	55872 ¹ / ₂	"	7	5	864	90901 ¹ / ₂
Mex ^d Spare	8	7	1225	70897 ¹ / ₂	"	3	5	968	95896 ¹ / ₂	"	8	4	864	00901 ¹ / ₂
Mex ^d Plate	9	4	785	15893	den ^d Bar	4	1	85	00871 ¹ / ₂	"	9	5	861	90902
Old Am Coin	90	4	819	30900	Mex ^d Coin	5	1	145	60867	"	20	4	865	70901 ¹ / ₂
Mex ^d Coin	10	1	100	95786	"	6	1	122	60899	"	1	4	866	15901 ¹ / ₂
" plate	2	3	459	25898 ¹ / ₂	den ^d Bar	7	2	208	95901	"	2	4	865	55901 ¹ / ₂
"	3	1	86	20901 ¹ / ₂	Mex ^d Coin	8	1	73	55898	Mex ^d Coin	3	5	958	95893
Mex Dollars	4	5	865	95900 ¹ / ₂	German ^d	9	1	148	90757	"	4	1	90	65891 ¹ / ₂
"	5	5	860	55901 ¹ / ₂	den ^d Bar	110	1	174	70892					
			50	8748	95				35	5463	65			
												61	11806	75
												35	5463	65
												50	8748	95
												146	26019	35

25333.94 Ounces, Stand^d @ \$ 1.21 per oz. = \$ 30654.07

Gold in N. 83. 586.80 @ (951¹/₂ ~~AA~~) ^{St. d. 95.} 42¹/₂ = 27.710
 " " 100. 109.90 " 2¹/₂ = .305
 " " 101. 397.10 " 17¹/₂ = 7.721
 35.736 = \$ 664.86

Deduct for partings \$ 16.96
 Silver alloy44
 Coinage 3.32 } 20.72
 Net Value, \$ 31,298.21

No 7. Silver

\$31.298.21

Rec^d March 12 1857

To,

John W. Smith Esq
Reas. M M Ass
Lowell
Mass

The 2 moneys ordered
will be forwarded on
receipt of check for
amount of bill therefor

March 12, 1889

Mar 13, 9.

Sir,

The two silver medals ordered by you
a short time since are finished and will be
forwarded to you on the receipt of your check
for four dollars.

Very Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

for the Director of the Mint.

John W. Smith Esq
Treasr M. M. Ass.

Lowell
Mass.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report
2-16156

Statement

8	Packg 6 ontg \$10 Each	"	\$80 00
1	Do Do		7 50
1	Do Mexican Quarters (32)		8 00
1	Do Spanish 12 1/2 (32)		4 00
1	Do Spanish & Mexican Dollar ¹⁴ & 1-5 Frank		14.94
1	Do Shell Silver 6 oz 9 00		9 00
			<u>\$123 44</u>

Depositure \$10. for cents
 Purchased \$110.35

\$221.35

Post Office
Suffolk Va Mar 12 1864

Mr James Robt Snowden

Dear Sir

I send to day
by my friend, Capt Irons, one package of Spanish
and other Silver Coin, and they are all marked
at their original Value, except one small pack-
-age of Smooth Coin and this one I shall be
glad to receive its value in the last new
One Cent pieces, the others I ~~shall~~ wish to
exchange for the United States Currency either
by purchase or otherwise in other words I shall
be pleased to get the best bargain I can & this
I shall leave entirely to your decision & be
subject to the Rules and Regulations of the
agent — most of the Spanish Quarters I
took for 25 Cents — I enclose you a list
of the Number of Packages and their Original
worth, and shall be pleased to have the
proceeds returned, at an as early a day as can
be ~~conveniently~~ conveniently done

Yr Very Respectfully
Jas G Cowper
for H D Cowper

J
Mm

John L. Cooper
P.M.

Suffolk

VA

For delivery of
corn ~~15th~~

March 24, 1889-

Depository Office

Baltimore March 14th 1837.

Sir,

I have this day placed in the hands of the Adams
Express Company for collection Transfer No. 3636 in my
favor for ten thousand dollars.

I will thank you to transmit to this office
in payment of the same

Four thousand dollars in Gold Dollars. . . \$4,000. →

Five thousand dollars in Silver Dollars . . . 5,000

One thousand dollars in three cent coins . . . 1,000

\$10,000. →

Very respectfully

W. W. S. S. S.

Wm. Thomson Mason
Cal & Spt.

of

J. M. Coulton Esq

Pres. U.S. Bank

Philadelphia

Depos. U.S.

Baltimore

Mar. 14/59

Albany 14 March 1859

J H Walter Esq

Sir

Will you take another
Hundred Dollars in Spanish $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16}$ at par, &
send me new cents in pay for them; if so,
please let me know by return mail

I am Very truly yr

D. D. Brewer

or \$200. worth in case I should have as many
by the time I hear from you

S. D. Brewer

Albany

Mar 14/59

Banking House of J. S. CRONISE,

DEALER
IN
BULLION and SPECIE.

No. 34 Wall Street.

New York, March 14 1859.

J Robt Snowden, Esq
Director U S Mint Phila Pa

Dear Sir,

There is every indication of an early and material decline in all kinds of Silver coin. Mex^c Dollars are quoted in London by last steamer @ 5/1 flat and no demand. Any large arrival at this port from Mexico would be attended with a decline of 1 to 2% probably.

I have to thank you, Sir, for your influential agency in the procurement of renewal of Ant Law and hope to show you that it is of some consequence to me: as also that there are large amounts of the Spanish coin still in circulation.

Very Respy
J Cronise

Wm H. Brown Esq
N.Y.

Respectful decline
in pr - of Silver

Thank you for
having sent loan
extended

March 16, 1854 -

Union Building, 40 State Street.

Dear Sir,

Please send a set of the proof
copies of the present year, as I am desirous of adding
them to my collection.

Very truly yours
Francis H. Lee
Care of Lee, Higginson & Co.

J. Ross Snowden Esq.

Director of United States Mints

Wm Lloyd Garrison
Travis St Lee
Boston

Enclosing 2 one
dollar Bank
notes the money
from coin (Silver 1839)
Sent. — one of the notes
a counterfeit —

March 14, 1839 —

March 14. 57

Sir,

Your letter without date
enclosing two one dollar notes
and requesting a set of silver
proof coins 1857 sent them for, was
received a few days since.

One of the bank notes above
referred to is a counterfeit, and
I herewith return it to you. If
you enclose a good dollar in
the place of it, the proof coins
will be forwarded to you as
soon as some are struck, which
will be in a few weeks.

Yours truly

Respectfully,

James H. Thompson
Clerk of the Court
Boston.

J. R. Manning
Fifth Avenue New York

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

March 14. 1859

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the
Adams Express Company, as per receipt and
invoice enclosed, one box gold bullion, of the
net value of \$28,292.06 in payment for
which, please remit double eagles

Very Respectfully

Wm. F. Cisco

Treasurer

J. H. Walton Esq

Treas^r U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Treas. Assay Office

New York

Mar. 14/59

No. *8*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One boxes, containing*Gold Bullion, of the net value of (\$28,292.06)**Twenty eight Thousand,**Two Hundred & Ninety Two* *$\frac{6}{100}$ Dollars,**which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the* TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *March 14* 1859

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Hoey

No. 8 .

One Box ^{no. 1.} containing Five
Pure Gold Bars transmitted to the U.S. Mint for
Coinage, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by
John F. Cisco, Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.
March 14th, 1859.

Nos. 422 @ 426. ^{ounce dec.} weight. 1385.90 @ 992 $\frac{1}{2}$ f.

Stand^d 1528.340 = \$28434.23
Deduct for Coinage 142.17

Net Value, \$28292.06

My. S.
Rec March 15/59
Gola net value
\$28292.06

From
Est. Packard & Co
N.Y.

Acct. Bill
Selling

Car. for
Mt Surges

March 18. 1839

To Messrs E & Rackett
N.Y.

Storage of bal.^g
Snaps. -

March 15. 1839 -

March 14, 59.

Gentleman,

Herewith I enclose Bill of Lading,
New York; for 57 Boxes Mint Snaps. shipped from
San Francisco in November last, by the Capt of the
Branch Mint in that City, per Ship "Coronet,"
and consigned to the Director of the Mint.

I am advised of the arrival
of the above ship at New York on the 11th inst.
and have to request that you will have the
snaps in question stored with a responsible
House on the best terms you can obtain. The
freight, \$295.60. You will please pay, also, the
cartage expenses, taking duplicate receipts
therefor.

I will thank you to give this
matter your immediate attention and as soon
as the snaps have been stored advise me thereof.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Yours Truly,
Messrs C. & P. Rockwell,
Trusty, Business,
New York

85.26

150.

179.2

2027.26

Feb 1

7 Chest 1828



Received, Philadelphia,

The Pennsylvania Institution for

of Order numbered as above, in favor of

Copy.

Sealed offer of purchase of the U. S. Mint Sweepings.

Price per American pounds.

No 1. Twenty One cents. (\$0.21)

No 2. Thirteen cents. (\$0.13)

No 3. Ten cents & one quarter (\$0.10 $\frac{1}{4}$)

No 4. Sixteen & One half cents. (\$0.16 $\frac{1}{2}$)

To be paid Cash on Delivery.

(signed) V. Z. Dupuy.

No 10.

Price for
Lea^d. Snaps.

Suffolk Mar 15 1859

Mr James R Enorden

Dear Sir

A few days ago I ~~gave~~ gave to my friend Capt - ~~Wm~~ Irons \$123 in Spanish & other Coins marked & Labeled the original Value & Amount & a statement of the same Enclosed - and at the same time I gave Capt Irons a Letter to you and shall be pleased to receive the Return of the same at your Earliest Convenience in (U S) Coin but have left it entirely to you to make the Return that will nett me the money - the money I sent you by Capt Irons I took at the Original Value

There is Considerable quantity of this old Coin in the hands of the old miserly People & they find that Store Keepers & other hard Business men will not take them for only 20 Cents. There are several engaged in the purchase of this kind money & there is a question here of doubt what constitutes a ounce

say standard weight at the Mint
should any one offer me from one
to ten pounds silver coin (old) what
constitutes an oz in weight at the
Mint 12 ounces or 16 oz to the pound
if any one offers me this kind money
shall I take it at the Rates or pay
for it 12 oz to the pound or 16 oz
as early a Reply in answer
to this I will take it as a favor
or any information you can give
me on this subject I will be very
thankful to you for it

Most Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Jos G Cooper

Wm H. Couser
Suffolk, Va

Forwarding
Old Com

March 23, 1839

Middlesex Mechanic Association,

Lowell, Mass., Nov 16, 1859.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint,

Dear Sir Enclosed is \$4.
Please send by mail the medals you have struck
for our association, with receipt & bill.

Very Respectfully
John W. Smith
Treas.

Box 109,

Of
Dona Loo
The W Smith Esq
Leas. Med. Mchrs
Ass. Lowell
Mass

\$4- enclosed
for 2 fm Silver
Medals forwarded
per express

March 14, 1839

March 9.

The Minnesota Mechanics Association
Anna Mass.

To Anna Finn 16th of Mint 50

To Anna Finn 16th of Mint 50 44.00

Received Payment
of H. R. Linderman
for the 16th of the Mint.

John M. Smith Esq
Recd 16th of Mint

Dear Sir,

At one place find receipt
bill for 2 p.m. sum money, from which you today, per Express,
as per your letter of 16th of Mint enclosing four dollars

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
for the 16th of the Mint

Sheffield March 16th 1859

Messrs — in the fall of fifty
four I directed 28½ lbs of valuable
mineral which I suppose to be worth
about six thousand dollars and have
not received anything in return. I think
it high time to see about the matter for
I am greatly in want of the proceeds
I am some in debt and wish to discharge
the same — I hope to see what ever it
is or was worth, as soon as practicable

I have specimens of the same and a
proof of baston pronounced it good

I want the fair thing and nothing
but what is perfectly right

With respect

Messrs — Joseph F. Flouton
Philadelphia Minn

N.B. — Address } Jos Flouton
South Egremont, Berkshire Co
Mass

Messrs

Philadelphia mint

I want to request it in next letter
to be sent on 1st day of month
of June - 1877

March 21. 39.

Sir.

In reply to your letter
of the 16th inst I have to
inform you that the mineral
to which you refer was not
received at the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Mr Joseph Houston,
South Egremont,
Berkshe Co.
Mass,

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia,

185

How Panish

13 You Mr Snider

Tom L
Is C. Houston
South Egmont
Mass

In relation to
Mineral alleged
to have been sent
to the Mint in
1854. -

March 21, 1859 -

P. O. Lansingburgh N. Y.
March 17. 1839

Sir

Enclosed please find two pieces of money purporting to be of three cents each. I write to ask of you if both are genuine (they bearing a different impression) or whether either are counterfeit and which also if there have been issued pieces of three cents bearing different impressions - at your convenience an answer will be greatly obliged

Yours Respectfully
(Director of U. S. Mint) } S. D. Smith
M at L

From To
Mrs S. D. Smith
Lansingburg
N.Y.

Three of pieces
enclosed. - Reply
that the same
are genuine

March 14, 1839

Coinage.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst
I have to state that the two thousand cent pieces
enclosed therein are both genuine. From
the first issue of this coin until March
3^d 1883, the fineness was 750 thousandths;
at that date the fineness was increased
to 900, and the weight reduced. A little
change was made in the device, to
indicate this modification.

There are counterfeit 3 cent
pieces in circulation, but are thicker than
the genuine.

Mr S. Smith
R.M. at Lansingburgh
N.Y.

Very Respectfully,
F. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
March 17, 1859.

A. R. Linderman, Esq.
Acting Director U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia -

Sir:

Your favor of

7th inst: is before me -

From the enclosed copy of a letter addressed by the Director himself to this office, you will perceive that a circular, such as you propose, has been in contemplation for some time - It was thought best that it should issue directly from this office, but the pressure of other business compelled me to postpone the matter, until after the adjournment of Congress -

The questions suggested by Col. Snowden, did not appear to me to be quite as full as they should be -

I propose to have the Circulars printed, and as it will require some time and labor to reach all the Consulates and agencies throughout the world, the

interrogatories should be sufficiently complete to draw out all the information in relation to currency and exchange, that can in any way be made useful in our future intercourse with foreign communities.

I submit a series of questions for the consideration of the Director, or if he is still absent, of yourself, and will thank you to have it perfected and returned to me, at your earliest convenience.

The subject is better understood in your office than in this, and I shall therefore adopt the series as returned to me.

If Col. Snowden is still absent, you will determine for yourself, the propriety of awaiting his return.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

W. M. Milo
Comptroller.

From To
Hon^{ble} Mr. Meadell
Comptroller
Treasury Dept
Washington

Re: my letter of the
7th inst and encloses
a series of questions
proposed to be sent
to Consuls & Agencies
in relation to the
currency and
exchange of
foreign countries

March 18. 1839

March 18. 9.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst enclosing a copy of a letter from this office dated 8th of December last, and a series of questions proposed to be addressed to Consulates and Agencies in relation to the currency and exchange of foreign countries.

In view of the importance of the subject under consideration I have concluded to defer action upon it until the return of the Director, which we expect will be in the course of next week, when your letter and series of questions will be submitted to him without delay.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. R. Lindeman
for the Director of the Mint.

Hon. W. Medill,
Comptroller,
Treasury Department,
Washington City.

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

March 18th 1859

Sir

I am in receipt of \$59,590.27
in gold and silver coins, in payment for in-
voices No 7 and 8.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

P.S. An invoice of silver will be forwarded by
the train of tomorrow noon.

1859
Treas. Assay Office

New York

Mar. 18/59

Tuscarora P.O. Livingston Co. N.Y.

March 18th 1837

Director of the United States Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir I See by

the Law passed in Congress that ^{we} ~~you~~ are to pay
Out the new Cent Coin in Exchange for Spanish
& Mexican & the Old Coins not having any
of the new Cent Coin & thinking ^{by} reading the
Law that you appoint agents to Circulate
& Call in the Spanish Coin & send it to you
I can give good Reference Let me hear from
you by Return Mail

Yours With Respect

William Petrie P.M.

Wm. J. P. P.
P. M.

Tuscarora
N.Y.

Hubert

March 24/57.

Syracuse N.Y. March 18th 59

To Sup^{dt} of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Dr Sir,

Will you please send me by Mail a
sample of Iridium that I understand
you have on hand at the Mint. If
I can use it for the Manufacture of Gold
Pens I will give you quite an order. Or if
you choose you may send me some by
Express with Bill for collection

Respectfully Yours

C. L. Walrath

~~March 23~~ ~~March 23~~ ~~March 23~~
March 23, 1859
that we have no
iridium for sale
A.R.L.

Imm To E. L. Maerath &
Syracuse
N.Y.

biduum

March 23, 1839-

Danvers Port, Massachusetts
March 20th 54

Will you be so good as to send
me two or three specimens of the
genuine three cent piece!

Very Respectfully
Yours &c

Eben^r Hunt

Albany is flooded with bogus three cent pieces. They have no milled edge—the stars surrounding the letter C are very indistinctly cut—the bunch of rods tied together in the lower bow and the leaves in the upper bow of the C are wanting. On the reverse side the star is very badly executed.

PS Three quarters of all the three
cent pieces in circulation in
this neighbourhood are of the dis-
cription of those above.

From the
E. Hunt
Darius Port
Mass

Request 2 3 ft
pieces to be sent
him.

In relation to
enumeration
of that denomination

March 28, 1879

March 24, 59

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 20th inst and in compliance with your request herewith enclose two 3^{ct} pieces of the present issue.

When the 3 cent coin was first issued it was required ^{thousandths} by law to be but 750 ~~parts~~ fine. When the law was changed and it was required ^{to be of} ~~in~~ standard silver (900 thousandths fine) the same ~~as~~ the other silver coins it became necessary to distinguish the new issue, and for this purpose - a double line

was engraved on the die
around the star on the
obverse and within the
letter C on the reverse; there
was added above the
numeral III a spring of olive,
and beneath three arrows;
as this change was made
for the advantage of the
coming operations newly,
no public notice was thought
necessary, but many
persons who noticed
the change, were ^{led} ~~led~~
to suppose the latter issue
spurious, which is of
course a mistake, as
it differs from the
former only in fineness

only, the first issue being
750 thousands and five, and
the last 900

Very Respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

March 21 1859

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt of the Adams Express Company, and invoice of Whittum & Co's Silver bullion forwarded this day, of the net value of \$30,221.80. Contains gold, net value \$166.91. for the former I will thank you to remit Silver dollars; and for the latter gold coins.

Very Respectfully

Wm J. Cisco
Treasurer

J H Walton Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. It would be very desirable to receive the above before the close of this quarter.

Treas. assay Off

New York

Mar 21/59

ORIGINAL.

No. *9*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Thirty boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *30388.71*)

Thirty thousand, three
hundred & eighty eight $\frac{71}{100}$ Dollars,

~~for transportation~~
~~which we agree to insure against all risks,~~ and delivery to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *March 21* 1859

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

J. P. Baker

Quito March 22, 1859.

Dear Sir -

I am under the necessity of troubling on the subject of the coins which constitute the currency of Ecuador. In view of difficulties which had previously existed in the settlement of the accounts of the Minister to this country, I arranged with Mr White, my predecessor, that he should have the values of the coins constituting the Ecuadorian currency accurately ascertained & fixed at the Treasury, to which end assays should be had at the mint & a regular report made as to all coins whose values were unascertained or uncertain. And he also engaged that notice should be given me forthwith of results.

He has however failed to fulfil this arrangement & I am unable in consequence to state an account which will be accurate & just. I understand from what he writes me that he had an assay made of an exceptional Colombian dollar & that you informed him what were the values of some other coins, but I do

not understand that all the coins in question were investigated or noticed, nor that any report was obtained to rule the action of the Treasury. Nor does he even inform me at what rate, as to difference of currency, his own accounts were settled.

I now send you specimens of three kinds of coin for assay, and write to the Fifth Auditor of the Treasury to obtain from you a report as to their values. Until this is done, or the value of Ecuadorian Currency with reference to our money fixed in some other way, my accounts must remain in confusion. Will you be good enough to assist me in this matter & write me results, and I shall hope on some future occasion to be able to do you a like favor.

I send you:-

1. Luito Coins. Coinage began here in 1833 & ever since those issued have been avowedly of the same standard as to fineness & weight. The device has been changed. But the law has remained the same. The pieces issued have been 4 rial, 2 rial, 1 rial, & half & quarter rial pieces. This

the currency, the two real piece being the most plentiful. I believe the coins are generally a little light of weight.

2. Colombian Coins - The dollar & its divisions - but the dollar & the quarter or 2 real piece, are what we have here. Most of this coin was issued in 1821, but some are dated in 1820 and dollar & quarters with same device & of same value were issued for several years previously & bear the words "Libertad Americana" instead of Republic of Colombia. The Indian Cacique head on this coin renders it readily distinguishable from all others. The question is, what is the value of the Colombian dollar of 1821?

3. The New Grenadian Dollar of 1839. This & its divisions were issued I believe until about 1846. It is now uncurrent in New Grenada but with the Cacique dollar (or Colombian dollar of 1821) has been bought up in New Grenada & shipped in to Ecuador & ^{they} constitutes say one third or more of our currency here -

4. - a small quantity of better money

was once issued as Colombian or New Grenadian,
but it is not in circulation & is never
heard of here. The three kinds of money
above & mentioned constitute almost
our whole circulation; a few cut
Bolivian pieces & deeply cut or
punched Spanish pieces constitute
the rest & are still inferior in value.

Some gold ounces have been
coined at Puito, but are few in
number & are not practically a
part of the currency. I believe
they sell for from \$19 to \$20 currency.
I may add that the ~~recent~~ recent
coins of New Grenada have no
circulation here whatever.
Very truly Yours
C. R. Buckalew

Wm. A. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Phila. Pa.

copy

Dept of the United States
Phil^a May 24, 1839

Am Charles R. Ingham
Minister Resident at the
Republic of Ecuador

My dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22nd of March enclosing several silver coins, and requesting that an assay of them be made for the purpose of stating their value. This I have accordingly caused to be done: the results may be stated as follows:

1. The Colombian Cacique dollar of 1821 (often assayed here and in quantities, though very variable in weight and fineness: yields an average of 363 grains Troy in weight, 730 thousandths fine, value at the present price of silver, namely 121 cents per ounce Troy of standard fineness) 74.2 cents.

2. The New Granada dollar of 1839, on the average weighs 356 grains - 680 thousandths fine, value 67.8 cents.

I give the above from the ascertained averages, and not from ^{the} single pieces

you sent to me which would give me
satisfaction. The other pieces we have not
hitherto opened, and therefore give the
results as determined by an assay of them.

3. Quite, piece of 4 reals, 1857, 175
grains, 674 thousandths fine, value 33.6
4. Quite, piece of two reals, 1852, 100
grains, 670 thousandths fine, value 20.9
5. Potosi, piece of 2 reals, 1849,
91½ grains, 637 thous. fine, value
16.3 cts.

There is an apparent intention in all
of the assays (3, 4, & 5) to aim at the
"cabe clivado", or two thirds standard
of fineness; but there seems to be no
rule for the weight. In case of this
kind, it is proper to remark, that the
pieces cannot give a fair basis of
estimation.

I will be happy to aid you
as far as I can in the settlement of
your accounts, and will write to the
4th collector as soon as he applies

for a report on the subject of the coins
you sent to me. But the question of
the settlement of the accounts of our
Ministers and Consuls presents many
embarrassments from our want of in-
formation on some material points.
For the purpose of gaining the proper
information I requested the Comptroller
of the Treasury to send to all our
Representatives abroad the following
queries. (A copy of them is enclosed.)

It is probable you have
already received a copy of them
in correspondence. If so, your reply to the
Comptroller will be satisfactory. I
would be glad also to hear from you
on the subject if you can find it
convenient to do so.

I earnestly hope you find your
residence abroad as agreeable one, and
that you and your family are in good
health. My best wishes attend you in your
Mission.

I am, with great respect,
Your friend &c. &c.
Samuel B. May

Tom No

Hon Charles R. Buckalew
Minister Resident of the U. S.
in ~~the~~ Ecuador
Quito.
S. A.

Sends several silver
coins for assay. Report
thereon. - Settlement
of his accounts &c

May 3, 1839 -

Bank of Binghamton,

Binghamton, N. Y. March 22^d 1859

Hon J. Ross Snowden

Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

I inclose 2 Three Cent pieces — one with lined edges to the star and arrows and leaves in the "C" — the other without these additions. Will you please to inform me if either is a counterfeit, or if they are of two different coinages. Please also to inform ^{me} of what description the Counterfeits are if you have seen any. There is a little dispute about the coins I inclose, and therefore I wish to learn from Head Quarter about them.

Your Attention will much oblige

Yours Respy
Will. R. Osborn 2^d Bell

Wm T

Paul of Binghampton
Binghampton
N. Y

Encloses 2 B & P's
which are addressed
to the counterfeiter

reply that they
are genuine. -

March 24, 1839

March 24. 57.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Your letter of the 22nd inst. enclosing two
3 cent pieces, which are both genuine, but of
different issues.

When the 3 cent coin was first issued it
was required by law to be but 750 thousandths
fine. When the law was changed (March 3
1833,) and it was required to be struck in
standard silver, the same as the other silver
coins, it became necessary to distinguish
the new issue - and for this purpose, a double
line was engraved on the die around the
star on the obverse; and rather the letter
C on the reverse; there was added above
the numeral III a spring of olive, and beneath
three arrows. Many persons in noticing the
difference between the two issues suppose one
or the other to be spurious, which of course
is a mistake.

There are counterfeit 3 ct pieces
in circulation but they are thicker than
the genuine coins.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Will O. Astor Esq,
2nd Sec.,
Bureau of Mint & Coinage,
W. H.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

At all of M^r. Just.

Balt. March 22. 1859

Hon J. Ross Snowden

W. Sir

You will please
have made for us forty Bronze
Medals from our Silver Die - and
twelve Silver Medals from the
Gold Die - We wish to use
them this day week and will be
much obliged if you will have
them come at once and sent on -

Please send bill of cost and
will send the Am^t. immediately

Very Resp^ts

Yours ob. serv.

John S. Selby
Actuary

From John Selby Esq
Act Md Inst
Baltimore

order for
medals

March 23. 1829

Baltimore March 22nd 1859
Hon J. Ross Snowden
Esq.

The Committee
of the School of Design, of the
Maryland Institute, have instructed
Mr Selby the Actuary, to
order twelve of these silver
medals, from the die heretofore
used for the gold ones.

Please finish them imme-
diately as the commencement
takes place on this night week
and they will have to be engraved
& made ready for that occasion

Yours Respectfully,
John Forbes
Member Com School of Design

March 27. 57.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday enclosing draft on Girard Bank for sixty one $\frac{11}{100}$ dollars has been received.

Enclosed please find receipted bill for medals forwarded to your address yesterday, for Adams Express Co., also, certificate of the amount paid me for the medals, which I will thank you to sign and return to me.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Henshaw,
Director of the Mint.

Am. A. Selby, Esq.,
Actuary, Maryland Institute.
Baltimore,
Md.

Wm. S. Kelly, Esq. Actuan, Maryland Institute

To Merce Fund U. S. Mint Dr.

To 1/2 per mille		\$5.50
15 - Do. mille 270		12.60
40 - Bronze "	1.00	40.00
		<u>\$61.10</u>

March 29, 1889 Received Payment.

J. R. Snowden.

Director of the Mint.

40 Bronze

1 Gold

18 Silver

Total Cost / 38.83

18 Silver Medals 1 12.60
70
12.60

1 foot

8.30

40 Bronze 1

40.00

61.11

38.83

22.18

Hall of M^r. Ins^t.
Balt^r. March 28. 1859

D. Sir

Herewith please find
draft for \$61.11. - am^t. of
money for your statement
rec^d. this morning -

Please acknowledge rec^d.
for same

Very res^tly
John S. Selby
Actuary

Hon^{ble} J. Ross Snowden
Director of Mint

Thos Selby Esq
Act md Just
Dalt?

Enclosing Draft
for \$61.11 10
Pay for mndae,

March 29. 1839.

BALT - MCH - XXVIII - HON J - ROSS SNOWDEN - DIRECTOR OF MINT - PHILA - I HAVE MAILED DRAFT FOR SIXTY ONE

THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DOLLARS ELEVEN CENTS STATEMENT. SEND THE MEDALS TODAY IF POSSIBLE. IT IS ALL IMPORTANT. JOHN S. SELBY.

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINES,

NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST,

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraph.

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PHILADELPHIA OFFICES—No. 302 Chesnut Street,
above Third, and Girard House.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated *Balto Mar 28* 1859

Rec'd, Philad'a, *28* 1859, *9* o'clock, *45* min. *A* M.

To *Hon Ross Snowden*
Director of Mints

*Send in addition to
order one gold and
six silver medals from
gold die.*

John S Selby
*Mr Lincoln please have the
above medals made*

14 33 A R H
22

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia March 29. 1859

To
John A. Selby, Esq
Act Md Inst.

Receipt of
Draft for 61.10
in payment of
monies forwarded
to pay per Express

March 29, 1837.

order for the
above monies
by letter & telegraph
enclosed herein.

No. 7

Memorandum of *Silver* Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for
Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S.
Assay Office, New York.

March

1859

13 BOXES, No.

1 @ 13

138 BARS.

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.						
Mex \$8.C	12	5	7	83	65	89	1	94	3	05	89	8	13	93	00	904				
Old am. C	6	3	5	1	85	89	9	45	8	90	89	7	4	9	17	97	10	903		
Mex \$8.C	7	1	9	8	75	89	8	13	9	40	88	0	5	4	7	32	20	903		
Mex \$8.C	8	1	1	6	2	10	82	3	7	97	45	9	0	3	6	10	17	98	20	901
Five Dollars	9	2	2	6	0	30	900	8	5	9	17	98	1	5	9	0	3	95	902	6
Mex \$8.C	3	0	3	6	0	3	40	7	0	5	8	4	7	3	1	0	9	0	3	6
Mex \$8.C	1	1	1	7	7	25	89	5	4	0	9	17	96	3	5	9	0	3	6	2
Am \$8.C	2	1	1	8	4	45	53	9	1	7	98	0	0	9	0	3	6	2	5	0
Mex \$8.C	3	4	8	6	4	00	900	2	4	7	32	20	9	0	3	6	2	5	0	3
			27	29	45	75		53	10	19	45		68	12	98	1	90			
													53	10	19	45				
													17	29	45	75				
													138	26	122	15				
Gold	132		184	45	25															

26102.37 Ounces Stand. ^d@ \$1.11¹⁴ per oz. = \$30373.67
(Deduct for coinage) 151.87

Gold \$132.184.45 @ 45th = 9.222 = \$171.57 \$30,221.80

(Deduct for payments, \$ 3.69
" Silver alloy, .11
" Coinage, .86

4.66

166.91

Net Value \$30,388.71

No. 9
Receipt Silver Bm
22nd March 1809
£50.388.71

Provenance Jiff, Co. Noy
March 24th 1859

Sir

I herewith send you
a true cert piece, which is
said to be counterfeit, if so
the most of them in circula-
tion in these parts are also,
will you please give me
your opinion in this matter,

on being informed of
the fact I examined all I
had on hand (39 of them) & they
were all of the same stamp
of the one I send you, they were
dated 1851-2 & 3, If there are any
in circulation how can I detect
them, over
Respectfully
Wm Brown, Poll

I have just seen one that
was dated 1857 of a very
different stamp

James To
Gt Brown Co
Bismarck
N.D.

At Lakota
Country Club
Dress

March 26 1907

From To
G. T. Brown Esq
Bromfield
N.Y.

In relation to
Comdant 3d
Pica

March 28, 1879

Mint of the United States
Phil^a March 28, 1837.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the
24th inst enclosing a 3 cent piece, which
is genuine. ^{copied of the}

When the 3 cent coin was authorized
its fineness was fixed at 750 thousandths.
The act of March 3, 1833, changed the
fineness to 900 thousandths and slightly
reduced the weight. Some slight alter-
ations were made in the device to indicate
this modification.

There are counterfeit 3 cent pieces
in circulation but they are thicker than
the genuine coin.

E. A. Brown Esq,
P. M. Brumby,
L. A. Esq.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Lindeman
for the Director of the Mint.



GEO. MEGEE & SON,
 305 & 307 Branch Street, Phila.,
 MANUFACTURE TO ORDER,
 EVERY KIND OF STILL OR VESSEL
 REQUIRED BY
 Grain, Turpentine & other Distillers,
 Sugar Refiners, Brewers, &c.
 ALSO,
 Bath Boilers, Heaters, Dyeing Kettles,
 Mineral Water Fountains,
 COPPER WORK for FACTORIES,
 STEAM ENGINES, &c.

Philadelphia March 24th 1859

To California Branch Mint
To GEO. MEGEE & SON, Dr.

Nos. 305 & 307 BRANCH STREET,

Terms-----

Above Third, between Race and Vine.

GEORGE MEGEE, }
 JOHN H. MEGEE. }

Copper Cylinders & 75 Caps	3183"	45	1432.35
Packing Boxes			9.00
Porterage			3.00
			1444.35

Recd Pymt
Geo Megee & Son

Geo Meyer & Son
March 30, 1857

\$1444.35-

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

March 25 1859

Sir

I am in receipt of \$30,221.80
in Silver dollars, and \$166.91 in Gold Coins
in payment of invoice N^o 9.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Geo
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Off

New York

Mar. 25/59

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia

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To
John A. Selby Esq
Act. Md. Inst
Baltimore
Md

Request remittance
for money.

March 26. 1839. -

1839

March 26, 59.

Dear Sir,

The medals requested by telegraph
yesterday, will be finished on Monday or
Tuesday next, and will be forwarded together
with those previously ordered. The cost
of the ~~same is \$100.00~~ ^{Six hundred & eleven cents} ~~which amount~~
You will please remit on receipt hereof.

Very Respectfully,

A. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

John S. Selby Esq
Actuary Md. Inst.
Baltimore
Md.

New York, 26 March 1839.

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir,

I beg to refer to my visit to the Mint last Thursday when I had the honour to deliver a letter of introduction from the Hon. W. Lobb, and when I had a conversation with Dr Booth on the subject of Swedish Nickel.

In pursuance thereof, I have this day sent to your address per Adams's express a box containing Nickel, which please have tried, and advise me the price that you may be willing to pay for a larger quantity say from 10 to 20,000 lbs.

I remain, Sir, Yours very respectfully
O. Edw. Habiak

To
Edw. H. H. H. H. H.
N.Y.

Richard sent for
him. -

to value them of

April 6, 1889 -

Adm't of the United States.
Phil^a. April 6, 1857.

Dear Sir,

The box of Swedish Nickel ordered
by You on the 22nd ult. was received in due time.
It weighed exactly one hundred six and a half ^{nett.} (106½) pounds. An exact assay of the article gave pre-
cisely 64 per cent pure Nickel. Hence the 106½ lbs
contained 68.16 lbs pure Nickel, which at \$150, per
pound (on purchasing price) is worth \$102.24, which
amount will be remitted to You with receipt of
duplicate bills, (and receipt of the same).

We have a supply of Nickel on hand
sufficient to last for some time to come, and therefore,
do not wish to contract for any more
at present.

Very Respectfully,
Yours obediently,
Saml. R. Mendenhall,
Director of the Mint.

Edward Atchelt Esq.,
New York.

To
John W. Smith Esq
~~Act. Maryland Inst.~~
Near. Mid. Mech. Ass
Lowell Mass.

Enclosing voucher
for him to sign and
return to this office

March 28. 1834-

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia

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March 28. 57

Dear Sir.

On the 19th inst I forwarded you
two fine silver medals, and enclosed requested
him to transfer together with a voucher for you to
sign and return to this Office. Not having
received the same I have thought that I
promptly omitted to enclose it, and therefore
send you another herewith, which you
will please sign and return to the
Director of the Mint. It is required
in the settlement of his account with the
Treasury Department.

Very Respectfully,
H. Robinson
for the Director of the Mint

John W. Smith Esq
Treas. Mich. Mills Co.,
South,
Mass.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

MERCHANTS' BANK.

Portland, Mch 28th 1859.

J. R. Snowden Esq

Sir

Please inform me
if I can obtain \$50. worth of half cents.

Although the coinage has ceased - I suppose
there may be some of previous years on hand
which you can dispose of & if so I should
be very glad to obtain some.

Yours very

Chas. Fayson Esq

Wm L

Charles Payson
Cash

Merchants Bank
Maine

Desiring to obtain
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. - Agree that
they cannot be
furnished

March 31, 1834

March 31, 57

Sir,

I have your letter of the 28th inst and in
reply have to state that the half cents requested ^{cannot be furnished.} Their
coinage ceased under the provisions of the Act of Feb. 21,
1857, and those on hand at the passage of the
~~law~~ ^{law} referred to were melted up.

Very Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

L. Payson, Esq. Cash.
Merchants Bank,
Portland,
Me.

sied on. In the United ~~the~~ ~~good~~ States the gold coinage constitutes the standard, while silver is used for change at reduced though arbitrary values.

- 4 What is the present and usual rate of exchange with the United States, the money or standards of values, drawn for and received, being the same.
- 5 Are drafts from or on the United States usually paid in gold or silver, and in what particular denominations of money.
- 6 What is the value put upon the gold coins of the United States of full, un worn weight, at the national mint, or by dealers in bullion, expressed in the money terms of the place where you reside. And if our gold coin is too little known to give an answer, please state the same facts in regard to the English Sovereign or the 20 franc piece of France.
- 7 What is the lawful weight and fineness of the principal gold and silver coins of the Country. ^{When you reside}
- 8 Are both gold and silver coins legal tender at their nominal values for all sums.

1. Of what does the usual currency or circulating medium of the country, to which you are accredited, consist
2. What is the unit or standard of value in which accounts are kept, property purchased and sold, deposits made, and by a comparison with which the value of other coins or denominations of money are ascertained and fixed. It may be observed, in illustration of this question, that the pound sterling is the unit or standard in England, the franc in France, and the dollar in the United States.

3 Is there any ^{discrimination in actual use,} difference between ~~gold~~ and silver coins of the same value of gold and silver coins of the same name or denomination, and if so, in or by which standard are accounts kept, property estimated, and the usual money, commerce and business transactions of the country carried

Questions, ~~presented~~ as modified by the
Director of the Mint, proposed to be sent
to Consuls and Agents in Foreign Countries
in relation to currency &c.

1. of what does the usual currency or circulating medium of the country to which you are accredited, consist.
2. What is the unit of value, and how is it divided (as in the U. S. the dollar divided into 100 cents)
3. What is the present and usual rate of exchange with the United States, the moneys or standard of value, drawn for and received, being the same.
4. Are drafts from or on the United States usually paid in gold or silver, and in what particular denominations of money.
5. What is the value put upon the gold coins of the United States of full, un worn weight, at the national mint, or by dealers in bullion, expressed in the money terms of the place where you reside. And if our gold coin is too little known to give an answer, please state the same facts, in relation to the English sovereign or the 20 franc piece of France.

6. What is the lawful weight and fineness of the principal gold and silver coins of the country where you reside, and what is the remedy or tolerance at the mint for deviation in weight and fineness of the respective coins, so allowed by law, or used in practice.
7. Are both gold and silver coins legal tender at their nominal values for all sums.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia

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To Hon W. Medell
Comptroller
Washington D.C.

Curry of Foreign Countries -
Questions to be sent to
Congress in relation to
same

March 30. 1859

Sir,

March 30, 9,

~~Respectable~~ Sir, I find on my table your recent communication on the subject of the value of foreign coin.

Our former correspondence exhibits the difficulties and embarrassments under which we labor in preparing tables of the value of the gold and silver coin of foreign countries, (except of England and France) on account of our want of information in some essential points. In my communication of the 8th of December 1858 I therefore suggested several queries to be presented to our Representatives and Consuls abroad.

The Editor put our queries at Pernambuco, Brazil, has given us the information

we desired as to Brazil; and the
communication from our Consul
at Cobija - in conjunction with the
analysis of the half-dollar he sent
~~forwarded~~ - has informed us on some
material points in reference to the
Coinage of Bolivia. But as to
the other Countries embraced in the
Tables we lack the information about
the queries suggested and
probably evoke.

I am glad therefore to
learn that you will undertake to
obtain the information we require.

I have examined the interrogatories
you propose in addition to the
four interrogatories I suggested; and
recommend the following modification
of them.

1. To stand as it is.
2. Strike out all of the 2nd and
insert, "What is the unit of
value, and how is it divided

(as in the U.S. the dollar divided into 100 cents).

3. Omit, because covered by 1 & 8.

4, 5, & 6. as they stand.

7. add "and what is the remedy or tolerance at the Mint for deviation in weight and fineness of the respective Coins, as allowed by law, or used in practice."

8. as it is.

I believe that the answers to these interrogatories will give the information we desire.

I am very Respectfully
yours, Wm. S. Tenney

Samuel Rose Chambers,
Director of the Mint

Hon. Mr. Medill

Comptroller

Washington City

Cincinnati Ohio
March 30 - 1859

Gents

I wish you would send me a
Statement of what Spanish and Mexican
quarters and half dollars are worth at the
U.S. Mint are worth or in other words
what will you allow me for one thousand
dollars worth of the at their actual worth
or weight are they worth more by weight
than American Currency please write me on
receipt of this please state what they are worth
by weight provided they are good

Respectfully

W. Salshury P.M.

Circular Sent
April 2. 1859.

From M. Salisbury
P.M.
Cincinnati
Ohio

Piccola Silver
coin.

April 2. 1839

Cincinnati

Utica. March 31. 1859.

J. B. Snowden, Esq.

Sir

Much difficulty,
perplexity, mistake, trouble, occurs
especially to those of waving eye-
sight, and those who are obliged
to make change without the aid
of much light, in distinguishing
the different coins of the
United States, particularly
the three from the five cent
pieces, and the new cent,
from the ten cent piece -

Would it not therefore
be wise and well, to
imitate the Chinese in
some of their coin, and
to make, the three cent
piece the size of the ten
cent piece with a square
hole in its centre, and
the cent the size of the
quarter dollar, $\frac{7}{8}$ by $\frac{7}{8}$
with a square hole in its
centre,? by so doing, their
weight might then be the

same it is now. Besides
the new cent, being small
and of a poisonous nature
~~it apt~~ has been known
to destroy children who have
swallowed it.

Very Respectfully

Nicoll H. Dering, M.D.

Yours
Thos. H. Loring M^r

Utica
N.Y.

Suggests alterations
of some of our
coins &c

April 2, 1839-

To
The Sec Treasury

Comr of Examina-
tion

March 31, 1837-

7.500

$$\begin{array}{r} 16500 \\ 5-375 \\ \hline 15-121375-1425- \\ \hline 63 \\ \hline 375 \\ \hline 75 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7500 \\ 1425- \\ \hline 6075- \end{array}$$

500

$$4000 - \left(\begin{array}{l} 500 \\ 500 \end{array} \right)$$

March 9.

Sir,

The usual monthly count of the monies on hand in the Treasury of the Mint at the close of business 1st day exhibited the following balances viz:

In Gold Coins \$189,569.00

• Silver • 300,501.25

• Bullion • 20.37

• Ordinary Fund 19,152.77

• Repair Fund 24.59 — \$189,567.98

In the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. the

following balances were found:

General Treasury Fund, \$56,371.20

Post Office Monies 41,105.44

U. S. Loans 24,000.99

Deposits 9072.00

Distances Fund 111,105.55 — \$271,387.71

Agreeing with the balances as shown by the books of these offices.

An examination into the condition of the Mint
generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business
of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

I enclose the usual statement of the Deposit, and
Coinage at the Mint during the month ending today.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,
Samuel Ross Anderson.
Director of the Mint

Hon. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Pittsburgh March 31st 1859

James Robt. Snowden Esq:

Please find above Bill &
enlosed Bill Lading for one Chilled Roll for
the Mint - and I am exceedingly sorry that I have
delayed it so long but it could not possibly be
helped as when we are strictly confined to size as
in the present case when finishing down and turns out
a fine pin hole the Roll is condemned such was the
case in the present one made four and lost them
all and have succeeded with the fifth and I have
the pleasure to say to you that it has turned
out a perfect Roll every way and I think
you will be pleased with it -

with respect

Remain respectfully
John C. Parry
By D. H. Toomey

Wm J. C. Ramsey
Pittsburg
Pa

Forwarding
2000

April 2. 1839.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1859/MARCH

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1859/APRIL

To the Treasury

April count
and examination

April 30, 1859

Correspondence

U.S. Mint.
also, of Branch Mints;

April 1859,

Cont-acc. for
rent

\$272.512.23

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia April 30, 1869.

Sir,

The usual monthly count of the monies on hand in the Treasury of the Mint at the close of business this day exhibited the following balances.

By:

In Gold Coins	\$190,248.50
" Silver "	321,614.81
" Cent "	31.55
" Ordinary Fund	9,245.50
" Repair "	24.59
	— \$521,164.95

In the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. the following balance was found:

General Treasury Fund	\$120,838.68
Post Office Monies	32,546.40
U. S. Bonds	23,316.49
Coupons	9,570.00
Disbursing Fund	97,770.39
	— \$284,041.96

Agreeing with the balances as shown by the books of these offices.

An examination into the condition of the

Must generally give satisfactory evidence that
the business of the institution is conducted with care
and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.
Samuel R. Chace
Director of the Abint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

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Department of State,
Washington, 28 April, 1859.

James Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

There will be forwarded to you this day, per Adams & Co's Express, a box, containing a set of dies, and I will thank you to have struck from them four fine gold medals.

For the cost of the same you are requested to render a bill against this Department receipted as paid by Edw.^d Stubbs, Agent, which when received, a check on the Assistant Treasurer at New York will be remitted.

The Medals and dies, can be sent by Express.

I am, Sir,

Your O^bd. Servant

John Appleton

Assistant-Secretary

From
Hm

John Appleton

Asst Sec

Department of State

Dies forwarded for
Express. - Requests of
five gold medals
sent

April 29. 1839

April 21. 59

Sir,

The medals, such as are described
in your note of July 24th, will cost as
follows:

8 oz. fine gold at \$20.67 per ounce \$165.36

Cost of striking each medal, say 4.00

For each medal \$169.36

Hence, the 4 medals would cost
\$677.44.

I am, with great respect,
Yours obt. Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John Appleton.
Assistant Secretary
Department of State.
Washington City

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

April 27. 1859

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$ 15,070.33 in silver and gold coins in payment
of invoice No 12.

Very Respectfully,

J H Walton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Wm J. C. C. Co
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Off

New York

Apr 27/59

Mint of the United States,

No. 1501

Philadelphia, 27 April 1859

This Certifies, That *R. T. Crane* has deposited*Five* Dollars, in *silver* coin,

which will be paid for in cents, to the bearer of this certificate, at the convenience of the Mint.

\$ 5.00

To Paying Clerk,

Wm. B. Fisher
For the Treasurer.

New York
April 27th 1854

To the Chief Coiner of the United States
Mint in Philadelphia

Sir,

Please have the kindness to
to inform me, what difference if any
there be, in ^{the} fineness & value of the Gold
Coin of Great Britain, & that of the
United States previous to the reduction
of the standard of the latter during
the administration of President Jackson,

Please also to inform ^{me} of the value
in pennyweight of each at that time,
& at the present time - also of the weight
in grains of the English Sovereign, & the
half Eagle of the United States

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt
No 65 Wall St New York - J L Davis

From To
J. Davis
N.Y.

Rept of business
value for com
Great Britain
the U. States
&

Apr 29. 1889

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. April 29. 1867.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th inst. to the Chief Coiner, respecting the fineness and value of the gold coin of Great Britain and the United States, previous to the reduction of the standard of the latter, has been referred to me.

I reply to your enquiries in the order they are presented.

1. The standards of fineness were the same (eleven parts fine in twelve, or $916\frac{2}{3}$ ct. fin.) but owing to the imperfection of assaying in those times, the actual coinage did not come up to that mark; in England it was $915\frac{1}{2}$; in the United States about 912 , until a few years before the change (1834.)

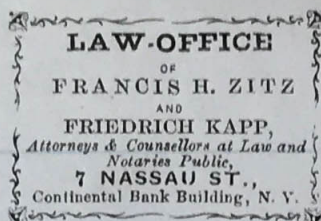
2. The legal value per ounce was \$18.95.0 (nearest fraction) - the actual value, British, \$18.92.5, lb. S. \$18.85.2. Both are now up to the legal, i.e. British \$18.95.0, U. States (900 fin.) \$18.60.46.

3. The legal weight of the U. S. half eagle is 129 grs. the actual average weight of the Sovereign ^(new) $123\frac{1}{2}$ grs.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Chalmers
Director of the Mint.

J. Davis Esq,
90.65 Wall St.
New York



New-York April 27 1859

Dear Sir,

I beg pardon for troubling you in a matter of private interest.

Messrs Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidt, a large banking house in Paris, have an interest in propagating the system of the small nickel and new silver coin, which has been for some years in circulation in this country.

They would be glad to get the report or reports which have been made by you to the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington before the above system was adopted.

If not pledged to any secrecy in the matter, you would greatly oblige me by letting me have a copy of your report, and I shall at once remit to you the disbursements for copying the same.

Very respectfully

your obedient servant

Col J R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

Friedrich Kapp

Philadelphia

Wm Lloyd Garrison
New York

Small Silver
to the Cent

April 28, 1839

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. April 25. 1857.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst.

There were a great many communications addressed to the Treasury Department, in relation to the subject you refer to, during the time the various questions connected therewith, were under consideration. Copies of these communications cannot conveniently be furnished.

My Annual Report of the operations of the Mint and its branches for the Year 1854, made to the President of the United States, January 30. 1855, contains some information in relation to the new cent coinage which will no doubt be useful to you. A few copies of the report were printed and it is quite probable ^{that} you could obtain one on application to the Clerk of the House of Representatives or Secretary of the Senate at Washington.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Friedrich Kapp Esq.
7 Nassau St.
New York.

James Laughlin, President.

John D. Scully, Cashier.

Pittsburgh Trust Company

Pittsburgh,

April 27 1859

Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

Herewith I hand you
by Express for return in New York

1 Key Copper

\$ 175,

What is Old English Plate worth per Oz?

Respy Yours

John D. Scully Cashier

From John S. Scully
Cash & Petty Cash
Must Co

15
10
40

Forwarding Still
Cents & Engraving
Must & British
Plate

Circular Sent

April 29, 1839

April 28.4 39.

My Dear Sir,

I have received your recent letter, the former letter, to which you refer, came to the Mint during my absence at New Orleans.

I would be glad to oblige you by giving the application of Margaret Corbitt for employment in the Mint, a favorable consideration. But there are no vacancies to be filled; on the contrary I have not sufficient work to occupy all the time of the women that are on our rolls, and only pay them for the time actually engaged. I have not engaged any new hands for a long time, but are reducing the number by not filling vacancies when they occur.

The women are principally employed in adjusting the weights of the gold coins. The diminished work arises from the fact that our ^{light} gold deposits have fallen off very much. It became then a large gold

Courage execution at San Francisco, and 2.
A large portion of the gold which comes
to the Monte Nelson is made into
fine bars at New York and sent
abroad.

I will be glad to see you when you
come to Phoenix? and help you with
cattle and see our great operations.

Very truly yours
James R. McMurdo

Rev. W. M. Welsh

Yours
J. R. M.

Yrk. Pa.

My dear Sir,

Some weeks I addressed you a letter asking you to do me a favor, by appointing, in your department, a young girl named Margaret Forbitt. May I again ask your attention to that letter? This is a matter to which I feel a great deal of interest. The girl was formerly a resident of York; she is very poor and is anxious to do something to support her mother; and her relatives here, who are warm friends of mine, have been pressing me to urge her appointment. You would confer a great personal favor upon me, if you could gratify me in this particular — a favor that I would always remember and endeavor to requite to a proper measure. Believe me you would much oblige

Yours friend truly
W. H. Belsh.

Wm. H. Belsh.

Apr. 22/189.

From To
Hon Wm A. Welch
Yours
Rn

Respectfully appli-
cation of Mrs
Corbitt

April 25, 1889

FAIRCHILD & FANSHAW,

NO 52 & 54 PARK PLACE,

AND
49 BARCLAY ST.

New York. April 27 1859

Hon. J. R. Snowden

Director United States Mint
Philada. Penna

At the suggestion of Mr. Dunning of
the assay office in this city, we have the
pleasure to advise you that we have sent
you today by Adams & Co. Express, a sample
box of Mohrman Refined Sheet, such as
we have been in the habit of supplying
to said office, and of which we have now
20 tons upon the way, and are here in
30 to 40 days, and which we will be
happy to sell you at 7th in lb. less 3¹/₂
cent for cash, you having the option
to enter it free of duty - deliverable from
the dock here upon arrival.

We have had this sheet sample

in this form at the recommendation of
several large consumers, who find it more
convenient for use than any other, and
it is confined by the Society to members.

We should be most happy to
receive your order for this article, and
remain dear Sir.

Very respectfully

Yours ob. svt.

Richard Pancham

Agents in N. Y. for the
Villle Montagne Linc Co
of France & Belgium.

P.S.

We should also be glad to take your orders
for further supplies for any quantity, deliverable
at any time.

Philad^a 29 April 1859

Dear Sir

I note the offer of Messrs. Fairchild and Fanshawe for Spelter, but cannot recommend the purchase of it for the following reasons;

1. We have a large stock of that zinc on hand, which we have been accustomed to use, & shall not need any more for a long time.

2. Prior to the employment of this Zinc, the ordinary Spelter of Commerce was employed at the Mint, & the result was that the silver used in refining became so foul, that it became necessary specially to refine it, at a considerable cost. Since we have employed this selected zinc, we have had no trouble with our silver, which averages $.998\frac{1}{2}$ m. by the test; which shows, not only that the improvement is due to the zinc, but that the zinc has been supplied of a uniformly superior character during the past eight years. If we alter the channels through which we receive it, we would probably be subject to variations in quality, & again experience trouble & loss in refining our silver.

3. When we formerly purchased zinc I always observed, that we always paid a fixed rate above the market price of spelter, which was originally agreed upon with the agent of the Vieille Montagne Co. of Belgium, on condition of their supplying a uniformly superior article, cast into blocks of a pattern which we furnished them. I have no reason to believe that we have been charged beyond that rate in any one purchase.

4. There is no doubt that we can always obtain the article we need at the lowest price, proportionate to quality, in Phil^a as well as in N.Y. from a house, from whom we can exact the conditions we require; except it be in some special case, where a ^{N.York} house may sell below market price, in order to get our custom.)

Since then we have a large stock on hand of the best quality, — have been uniformly supplied with the same to our complete satisfaction for 9 years past, at a fair rate for its quality, — and can still obtain the same on as favorable terms in Phil^a as in N.Y. with the advantage of exacting all the conditions of purchase, & of having it kept in store for our use without cost, — I can see no reason why we

should purchase zinc through any other
channel than that which we have been accustomed
to.

Very truly yours

L & C Booth

M & R. U. S. M.

Hon. J. R. Snowden

Director U. S. Mint

From

Farechild & Henshaw
New York

Agree to see Speller

Ref Borths Report
on the subject filed
herewith

April 30, 1887

Copy.

Most Honored Sir.

Greider, Saxony, Apr-27/59.

With great pleasure I have rec^d your favorable reply of 28th March - I find that my industry has been turned to a Branch, which I have confined myself to, with a great deal of pleasure.

I am convinced by your stated reasons that the erection of such an establishment will be a profitable undertaking. A business of from \$40. to \$50,000 per year will be a good beginning & no doubt Philad^a will be a good place to increase the business from year to year & which no doubt is also your own opinion. At the same time I am much honored with the Confidence you bestow on me to superintend & erect the business & I have the undoubted hope that I would be able to reward your Confidence.

The most important part that has to be erected is the large room with Steam or Water power.

A. Fixtures for the trial of the material, so that it can be brought into regular shape to give samples to correspondents & make calculations, as a prompt serving of customers is the first principle of this business & only thro' that can the Confidence of Customers be gained & kept. In expressing this view I do so with the principal reasons that govern business here & I believe that those principles govern every where.

To this belongs, 1st. The large ovens for burning the materials, they are of a very simple construction.

2nd The Stamp work of C Stamps, with some smaller, with the necessary sieve works. To this also belongs a mill for the preparation of the materials of from 10 to 6 horse power.

3rd A well known trial apparatus, trial oven, large & small scales & weights.

4th. To these 3 different sections, belong several other items, - tile oven, Crucibles for melting such parts as remain after sifting the remaining Grains of Metal.

B. The fixtures for the preparations and bringing out of the Metals. These I will retain for a personal explanation, as they are founded on my own Experience & are such as I have had made for the carrying on of the business here. The fixtures named under B, will not take a long time to erect & will cost from \$10,000 to \$12,000, which perhaps may increase with the business. I believe that with this a large business can be done. No doubt we can use some of your Chemical apparatus for some purposes. I expect, taking into consideration the different points here, the above named amount will be sufficient; the ground & steam power not included in the amount. I prefer to make my calculations at a high figure in order not to underate; taking the position, to erect first class Works.

2nd The erection is not confined to a particular place. Lead melt ovens are not permitted here in the vicinity of cities on account of the poisonous smoke. The damage for field & forest indemnities of the Saxonian Melt works is enormous. The labor is in ^{no} point inferior to those surrounding.

3rd The carrying on is independent of the result & preparation of Lead quartz or lead wastes will all belong to it.

4th. The remainders with 0.1. pound part = $\frac{1}{1000,000}$ gold & 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound part = $\frac{1}{10,100}$ silver to separate. The melting process will not be as favorable.

The amalgamation is unfavorable in consequence of the remainder containing Cinders &c.

Your wish to commence as soon as possible with the Establishment is mine also, if once resolved it is important to get to work at once. This is about all I can say at the present time about the business. A personal interview would no doubt attain an immediate result.

Permit me now to come to the point concerning myself & position. I am satisfied to accept your proposition of the promise of 2 years & the Interest in the business itself, I am only sorry that you omitted to name the salary & leave it to me to ask it. I do not know what equivalent a man receives who is able to superintend the carrying on of such a business. The time being short I have not been able to make any enquiry & I prefer to leave this to yourself.

Then the Knowledge you have of the concern & the interest connected with it, so well known to yourself & the Director of the Mint are sufficient proof of the responsibility connected with it, so I take it for granted, that you honored Sirs, are best informed what salary &c would be satisfactory to a man under such circumstances. I know that it takes here \$800. to \$1000 per annum to live respectably with my family & I know further from Gentlemen, who have lived in the U. States, that in the large cities ~~of Europe~~ it requires double that amount, even more, than it does here. Such is also the case here in the large cities of Europe, such as Hamburg London, & Berlin &c. I also have to take into consideration the travelling expenses, which will be considerable & therefore prefer to leave to you the proposition of salary &c for either one or two years, which can be done as soon as I arrive with you.

As I have given you my views of what I at least expect, I have no doubt your proposition

will be respectable & acceptable & which no doubt
will satisfy me for the first one or two years.

You will do me the favor to inform me in
your next letter the position & give me more details,
for instance, if I can live near the works &c.

You will favor me with an early reply &
I will do my best to hurry, to enable me at
once to commence in my new situation.

Concerning a Black Lead Crucible
Manufactory, I have taken the initiatory
steps to procure such a person, at the present
time I can only do so by writing, as such
men live in certain parts of Germany.

Still I have no doubt that we can find
such a person, to be sure you will have to
pay his travelling expenses & name a positive
salary.

With the most respectfull thanks to
the Director of the Mint, I recommend myself
to his further favor & expecting a satisfactory
letter from you, I sign myself

Your Obedient servant
Montz Juste.

Boston April 25 1859

Dear Sir

I enclose two specimens
of the new Canada cent, not
knowing whether you have them
or whether they will be of use,
and beg your acceptance of them

Yours truly

Henry Davenport

Col J R Snowden

Phil -

From
Henry Davenport
Boston
Mass

Presents me
with two Canadian
cents. - Thank
him for Sam

April 27, 1839.

Apr 27. 57

Dear Sir

I have to thank
you for the specimen of the
New Canada Seal which
you so kindly sent to me.

One of them I have placed
in the Mint Cabinet, the
other one is displayed, as the
appearance of the Coin seems to
indicate the presence of other
metal besides Copper.

This is the first that I have
seen of my order.

I am, my Sir,
Very Obediently Yours
R. S. Richardson
Per Sec. Secretary of the Mint

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Treasury Department
April 25. 1859.

Sir

I duly received your favor
of the 23rd inst. and I send by this mail
six copies of the last Report of the Secretary
of the Treasury on the finances - all that I
can, at present, lay my hands on.

Respectfully Truly
Yours
S. H. McRea

W. R. Inowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. M. Kean Esq
Treasury Dept.

Advises me of having
sent reports copies
of Report Sec Treasury
on Kuana,

April 25. 1839—

April, 25th

Col J Ross Snowden

Dear Sir

I arrived in the city yesterday
afternoon I am on duty this Night
I thank you a thousand times for your
kindness

Most Respectfully

Conrad Hipsles

From
Conrad Siple
Night Watchmen

Reports his
return to duty

April 26. 1889

Phila April 25th 1859

U. S. Branch Mint

San Francisco Cal.

To

A. M. Merrick

801 ~~lbs~~

Jeewax

143 1/2

\$348. 43 1/2

Two Foxes Cooperage &c 1.50

3.

~~337. 43 1/2~~

Received of
James R Snowden Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint the above
Bill in full

A. M. Merrick

H. M. Merriot

\$351. 43 1/2

Apr 20, 1859

Wm. L. L. L.

James L. L.

John L. L.

James L. L.

1859

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James L. L.

1859

H. M. Merriot

No. of Bank

Date of Report
2-16156

April 23. 59.

Sir,

In view of the fact that dies for medals, unless most carefully attended to, soon become injured, I beg to suggest that those that have been made for the present administration be sent to the Mint for preservation and future use.

We have in our possession also the dies from which the Indian medals have been struck except that of the present administration.

If you will cause them to be sent to me by the Adams Express Company I will see that they are properly taken care of, and have them kept to the orders of the Department.

I am, very respectfully,
Charles E. Moxley Esq. your obedient servant,
Comm^r of the Indian Affairs, James Ross Rowland,
Washington City, Director of the Mint.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank _____

Date of Report _____

2-16156

46615 23 1822

247 Iron St
New York April 23/59
James of Sweden Esq

Dear Sir I
am informed through Messrs Bernard & Co
that my offer made by them through
Mr Jones of your place of 22 1/8 c was
accepted. I write to you to enquire if it
will make any material difference to
you if I let the Copper remain with
you until the 1 or 2 of next month. I
have to send to your City at that time
& can receive the Copper from you &
attend to what other business I have at
the same time. otherwise I will have
to send twice. I will esteem it a
great favour

Yours Respectfully
Geo W Wood
JW

From To

Geo. W. Brown

N.Y.

time for taking
copper away
(2nd ins.)

Apr 25, 1839-

April 25. 59.

Sir,

In reference to your
recent letter I have to state
that the Copper may be
taken by you on the 1st or
2nd of next month, as
you prefer.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. Servt.
James Richardson
Director of the Mint

Mr. George W. Wood
No. 247 Front St.
New York

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

April 22nd 1859

Sir

I herewith enclose invoice No 12
of six boxes Silver, of the net value of
\$ 14,219.59 contains gold \$ 850.74 net.
in payment for which I will thank you to
 remit as follows.

\$ 4,000. in three cent pieces.

8,219.59 " Quarter dollars

850.74 " Gold Coins

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq

Treasurer U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

J. H. C. Bice
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Off

New York

Apr. 22/59

No. *12*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Six

boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (*\$ 15070.33*)

Fifteen thousand and seventy

33
100 Dollars,

which we agree to insure against all risks, and delivery to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *April 22* 185*9*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Hoey

ORIGINAL.

No. 12

Memorandum of Silver Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for
Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S.
Assay Office, New York.

April 22nd 1859

6 BOXES, No.

1 @ 6

BARS. '66

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.
Plate	197	✓ 1	112	75582						San Shalers	227	✓ 12	353 00	755
Mix'd coin	203	✓ 1	83	90895						Key Pig	283	✓ 4	781 05	982
"	215	✓ 3	511	90898						"	291	✓ 4	726 30	977
"	16	✓ 1	122	35851						Mix'd coin	301	✓ 7	463 40	898
"	17	✓ 1	142	65824						St. G. Disc	153	✓ 1	590 75	955
San King	18	✓ 1	84	30881						Mix'd Span C	315	✓ 1	996 00	950
Mix'd coin	19	✓ 2	401	85880						"	315	✓ 1	997 10	899
Old Am C	20	✓ 5	941	60898						"	41	✓ 1	97 20	893
Mix'd coin	11	✓ 2	434	05902						Mix'd coin	51	✓ 1	102 80	860
"	21	✓ 1	215	30808						St. G. Disc	63	✓ 1	57 95	963
Mix'd Span C	4	✓ 1	123	85898						San King	71	✓ 2	292 95	722
Mix'd coin	5	✓ 1	155	30888						Mix'd coin	85	✓ 1	127 80	000
San King	6	✓ 1	99	60813						Mix'd Span C	91	✓ 1	98 60	899
21 341940										45834900				
										31 341940				
										661176840				

11751.73 Ounces Stand^d @ \$1.21 pr. oz. = \$14219.59

Gold \$231.590.75 @ 41^{ths} =
236.571.95 @ 31^{ths}
Stand^d sp. dec.
26.912
20.018
46.930 = \$873.12

Deduct for parting \$57.44
Silver alloy .57
Coinage 4.37

22.38

850.74

Net Value \$15,070.33

APRIL 22/49

1859

No. 12,

Silver Rec^d from

USA & N York

of 14219.59 Sil

850.74 Gold

\$15070.33

Queen City Banking & Exchange Office

99, Main Street, N. W. Cor. Third.

E. N. Slocum,
Cashier.

Gibson & Co. & Co.

Cincinnati April 21st 1859

Treasurer of Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I took this opportunity
of addressing you in regard to old Silver & Gold
You are dealing in it considerably and have opportunity
of buying large quantities. I wish you would send
me a statement of prices what you will pay in
Silver or Gold for Spanish quarters '8 & 1/2 also
Foreign Gold & Silver old American Silver & Gold
also California Gold dust & Nuggets. Please
answer as soon as convenient and oblige

Very Respectfully Yours
E. N. Slocum
per J. H. Buck Cashier

E. N. Slocum

Cash

Cincinnati, O

Apr. 21/59

Howers Banking House

ESTABLISHED IN 1850.

Rochester, N. Y. 1/9 1859.

W. S. M. Esq. Cashier

Dear Sir

Philadelphia

Please return
recently forwarded
25 Cent for 13th

Yours
D. W. Corneal

From
S. W. Powers Esq
Painter
Rochester
N. Y.

Requesting return
of new cents for
old coin furnished
on 13th inst

April 21. 1854

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

April 19th 1859

Sir

I am in receipt of \$20,097.12
in Silver dollars in payment for invoice
No 11.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq.

Treas^r U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

John J. Esco
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Off
New York

Apr. 19/59

Alto

April 19/59.

1100000000 N.Y.

Nett's Receipt \$2093.12

Silver Coin

Norfolk April 19/59

Dr Sir

As soon as you
are ready to deliver my
Punings please do me
the favour to send
them to Norfolk by
Express for me

Very Respectly

To the Clerk

W. S. Minis

C. T. Gorsuch

^{the same}
Mr Griffith, Examini Report

"C. T. Gorsuch Balt. Md." dep. \$1600
Mar. 12th 1859

G.

It is not on my Books
Thompson

Wm To

C. T. Gosnell

Staple

Pa

Return for deposit
of old coin

April 22, 1869

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia April 22. 1869.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. &
how cents will be forwarded to you per express for
the deposit you refer to, on the receipt of the Mint
certificate in return, which may be handed to the
proper B. or under a B. to me.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. R. Woodman,
Director of the Mint.

A. C. Loomis Esq,
Norfolk.
Va.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Philadelphia,

April 18th 1859



EVANS PR. FOURTH ST. BEL. CHESTNUT

United States Branch Mint at San Francisco
Bought of **NATHAN TROTTER & CO.**

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN TIN PLATES, SHEET IRON, SHEET AND BOLT COPPER, WIRE, &c.

All claims to be made within 5 days.

"Duplicate"

No. 36 North Front Street.

24 Rolls Sheet Lead 29903 8 2392 24
24 Boxes 68 00
Strapping 3 25
Porterage 7 98
Cash 2471 47

1	894	10	1255	14	852	10	1203
2	897	"	1236	15	847	"	1215
3	869	"	1232	19	899	"	1242
4	895	"	1227	20	898	"	1230
5	892	"	1238	13	853	12	1531
6	893	"	1250	16	915	"	1532
7	905	"	1210	17	904	"	1535
8	861	"	1211	18	900	"	1497
9	890	"	1265	21	857	8	1024
10	859	"	1202	22	849	"	1034
11	858	"	1225	23	850	"	1031
12	857	"	1232	24	848	"	1046

Rec Payment April 21. 1859
Nathan Trotter & Co

Nathan Potter & Co.

April 21, 1854

\$ 2,471.47

N. Adams Apr. 18

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find
three stamps for which please
send me the Mail Reports
if issued for 1837 and 1838
and also one or two of the
new three cent ~~pieces~~ pieces. You
supplied me with the Reports
for 54, 55, & 56 and I should
be very much obliged for
the other two. The three cent
piece do not trouble yourself
about unless convenient and
I should not trouble you
for the Reports were it

not that I had made
so many inefficient attempts
to obtain them from our Con-
gressman (Hon H. L. Dawes XI
Dist Mass.) and at last came
to the conclusion to seek
them at head quarters.
With many thanks for
past favors I am

Your obt servant
Charles O. Sanford
N. Adams Mass

P.S. Were any copper cents
coined in 1854?
C. O. S.

John H.

Chs. Sanford

H Adams
May

As to my report

2. - Enclosed
3 et passim

April 21, 1859

April 21. 59.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your request
to send you copies of my two last
reports, I have to inform you,
that the act of Feb. 24. 1857 directed
that the Director's Reports should
hereafter be made at the end of
the fiscal year, and appear
in the report of the Secretary
of the Treasury. Consequently
my report is no longer a
separate document, but you
will find them in the Reports
on the Finances.

I send you two new ones cut
hires as requested.

Very truly
Samuel R. B. Borden.
Director

Salem. March 17th 1839.

Sr.

Your letter returning one of the
bank notes enclosed in my first note, is
at hand. Truly sorry that the bill should
have had a suspicious look, and consequen-
ly put you to the trouble of writing me,
but having consulted two cashiers it turns
out to be genuine. I send you in its place
its equivalent upon a bank of the "City
of Peace" having no Boston bill at hand.
I thank you for consenting to send me a set
of the Prop coins of 1839 and shall be
pleased to receive them at your earliest
convenience, through Lee, Higginson & Co, 40
State St Boston.

J Ross. Gardner Esq. Yours respectfully
Director of U.S. Mint. Francis M. Lee.

April 16, 1839 Prop coins sent
by Adams Express Co.

Wm L
James A. Lee
Boston
Mass

Rev Comis Sec
1839 Sent

April 18. 1839

April 16.

April 16. 59

Dear Sir,

The silver part comes
You desire will be ready to
send to you in the course of
a few days. In the meantime
you may examine piece, the
value thereof

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

E. B. S. S. S.

Director of the Mint

D. Minslow Lewis.

75 Dey Street - St.

Fulton.

Very Respectfully,
John W. Buchanan, Jr.
Director of the Mint
April 16, 1859

Mr. S. S. S.
40

Apr 16. 59

Sir,

to day,
p.m.

Mr. H. M.
L. L.
40 J.

April 16. i

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ref.

Very Respectfully,



John H. Duckworth, Director of the Mint
40 167 Spring St.
N.H.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

To Sec Treasury

Enclosing Medals
Fund A/c 1st Quarter
1839-

April 16. 1839-

Minist of the United States
Philadelphia April 10. 1859.

Sir,

I present herewith my account for the
manufacture of medals during the quarter ending
31st March 1859 and enclose vouchers for the items
charged therein. The account shows a balance of ~~125.00~~
due the United States.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel R. Johnson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Dr. James R. Brown & Co.

1859

			Number of medals	Dollars
January	1	To Balance as per Settlement		2,464 4
	15	To this amount received from Maj P. T. Hager for 3 fine silver medals (Army & Target)	1	117
February	9	To this amount received from F. A. Brown Esq. Genl. Comm. State A. S. for 4 fine gold medals @ \$12- and 15 fine silver medals @ \$3.50-	2	100 5
"	17	To this amount rec'd from H. H. Pool Esq (for School Comm. South Eastern Mass. for 4 fine gold medals at \$2.50 and 5 Bronze medals at \$1-	3	105 0
March	19	To this amount received from Wm. H. Smith (Genl. Mich. Mechs. Assn. Lowell Mass)		
		for 2 fine silver medals @ \$2-	4	2 0
"	28	To this amount received from Francis N. Mitchell (for Pittsfield Sch. Lowell) for 12 fine silver medals @ \$2 and 2 Bronze medals at 75 ct	5	25 0
"		To this amount received from Wm. H. Kelly Esq. Maryland Inst. for 1 fine gold medal @ \$8.50; 15 fine silver medals @ 75 ct and 10 Bronze medals @ \$1-	6	61 0

Mint of the United States

Philad. March 15: 1859

2,77 00

Director of the Mint

Medal Fund

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1859

			Number pieces	Dollars	Cts.
January	13	By amount paid for fine silver in manufacture of 3 fine silver medals (Army Target) for May P. T. Noyes	8	11	75
"	22	By amount paid Mr. Rice (plates for latinet)	7	8	00
February	9	By amount paid for materials and labor in manufacture of 4 fine gold & 10 fine silver medals for Conn. State Agric. Soc.:	8		
		Gold \$38.13			
		Silver 35.26	"		
		Labor 8.24	11	81	53
"	17	By amount paid for materials and labor in manufacture of 40 fine silver & 5 bronze medals (School Comm. & Teachers' Conv. Mass)	8		
		Silver \$71.13	10		
		Copper 1.35	12	87	00
		Labor 14.52			
March	19	By amount paid for materials and labor in manufacture of 2 fine silver medals for Mid. Mech. Ass. Lowell Mass/	8		
		Silver \$2.03	12	3	38
		Labor 1.28			
"	28	By amount paid for materials and labor in manufacture of 12 fine silver and 2 bronze medals for Francis W. Mitchell	8		
		Fine Silver \$11.24	9		
		Copper 45	13	15	47
		Labor 3.78			
"		By amount paid for materials and labor in manufacture of 1 fine gold, 18 fine silver, & 40 bronze medals for Maryland Inst.	8		
		Gold \$7.26	8		
		Silver 8.34	9		
		Copper 6.75	13	38	83
		Labor 16.48			
		Balance		2,026	40
				2,772	29

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Philada April 16th 1859
U. S. Branch Mint San Francisco

To W^m D. Knowles Dr
For 112 1/2 lbs "Beeswax" @ 45 cts \$50.63

Bbl & Cooperage Dryage

.75

\$51.38

Received of J. R. Snowden Esq Director
Payment of the above bill

W^m D. Knowles

Shipped per ship
John Frazer

Duplicate

Wm A Knowles

\$5-1.38

April 16, 1889—

Bank of the State of Minnesota,

Saint Paul, April 16 1859

James Ross Snowden Esq

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of the 9th inst, for
which please accept my thanks

Yours truly

W. Langford Cashr

Imm.

W Langford Esq
Care of the State
of Minnesota
Saint Paul
Min

Thank you for favor
of gift

April 23. 1889

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York,

April 15th 1859

J. G. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
For

I forward this day
by McKee's Packet Line fifty two
Empty Keys - & Enclose bill Lading -
Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

Wm. J. Cress
Asst Treasurer

2997, 12

Assist. Treas. U.S.

New York

April 15/59

Arcade Bank.

Providence,

April 16 1858

Dear Sir

Dear Sir

On 16th March 1858

we forwarded to the U.S. Mint, 500 Dollars in
old Silver requesting you to forward us the new
cent coin in exchange, and on the 12th May we
received 250 Dollars: leaving a balance due us of
250 Dollars. will you have the kindness to forward
the amount and O.Y.R.

Yours Resp.
M. Edwards.

\$500 —
Apr 2. 1858 500
100

Wm To

Cashier

Academy Bank

Providence

R.I.

Respectfully
Balance due
on deposit made
in March 1838. —

Hope and that
ever is with
Yours &c.

Apr 21. 1839

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a April 21. 1857.

Dear Sir,

On the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst I examined the Books of the institution and found that the deposit referred to had been duly paid, ^{on the 2nd of April 1857.} in New Cents, to the Express Agent, who had charge of your old coin. I then called the attention of the Express Co: to the subject and am informed that the balance due you has been forwarded to day. The matter appears to have been accidentally overlooked by the Express Co:

Very Respectfully,
Saml. Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

M. E. Hoard Esq,
Care of Arcade Bank,
Providence,
R. I.

Barrenwood, New Madison, Dark Co. Ohio
April 15th A. 1859

Dear Sir:

I thus take an opportunity of writing to you, in a special request. Will you please and send to me two Pieces of the new Cent coinage, as my friend wishes to have a piece and if convenient also of the half Cent. I leave and do so, and confer a favor to your friend. We inclose a three Cent Piece for the exchange. I am with great respect,

Yours Obedt Servt,
T. P. Bowman.

Wm James, Rep. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Frank
L. P. Bowman Esq
New Madison
Dark Co
Ohio

2 new cut combs
enclosed at the
request of Mr B

April 21. 1889

April 21st 59

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the
request contained in your
letter of the 15th inst I send you
enclosed two new cents.

No half cents are found.
The act of Feb. 21, 1857 directed
that the coinage of half
cents should cease.

I am, very truly
and respectfully

Yours &c

James Ross Browder,

L. P. Bowman Esq. Director of the Mint
Washington

Cark C. Ohio

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Treasury Department
First auditors office
April 14th 1859

Jas. McWatson Esqr
Treasurer N. S. Mills
Philadelphia

Sir:

Your ordinary ac-
count for the 1st Cr: 1859 is received.

Very Respectfully

P. L. Smith
Auditor

1st and over

washington

apr. 14/59

Coal Office of E. A. Packer & Co.,

16 & 18 TRINITY BUILDINGS,

New-York, April 14th 1859.

James Robt. Thompson Esq
W. S. Smith Phisic

Dear Sir

I am in receipt
of your favor of 13th inst.
I will forward myself
in reading to meet the
parties to whom you
have written in regard
to drawing samples of the
lumps. I trust it may
suit their convenience to
advise you of the result
I will also advise other parties
who have called on me when
I meet for the purpose of drawing
samples. Very truly E. A. Packer

of
Mr

E. A. Parker Esq
New York

As to Sampling
of Cal^a. Mint
Snaps

April 16. 1839

New York April 13/59.

Col. J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint. Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Having consigned to me, a small quantity
of about 100^{lb} of an alloy of 25 per. Nickel and
75 per of Copper, I thought you would most
likely have use for it. If you should have
any use for it, and would like to buy
it, please let me know at what price;
by doing so you would oblige

Yours respectfully

L. Gail
103, Maiden Ln

April 13, 1859

Reply that we have
a large supply on
hand & do not
wish to purchase
any more of
the article in
question.

Wm To

M L. Gail

N.Y.

Recd

April 10. 1889

Atkinson's Mills Apr the 11 1857

Dear sir I send you this
lot of ore that I got in
Diggin a well and I want
you to try it and send
me a return as soon as you
received this there is plenty of it
if it is worth anything Direct
to Atkinson's Mills. Maplin Conn
I send no more at present.

W^m B. D. A Hamilton

Proves to be native sulphuret of iron, with
in a remarkable form; curious but
not valuable.

Wm L
Mr A Hamilton
Atkinson Mills
Pa

Specimen for
assay. -

April 14, 1839.

April 14 9.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 11th inst with the enclosure stated.

On being analyzed it proves to be native Sulphuret of iron, in a remarkable form. It is very curious but not valuable.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obt servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Mr. William A. Hamilton.

Atkinson's Mills

Huffman Co.
Pa.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

80 Beaver Street
New York, 9 April 1859.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Superint. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

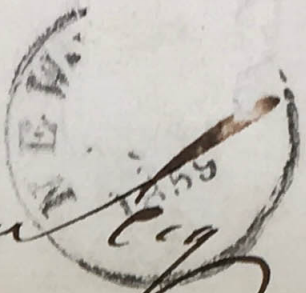
Dear Sir,

Your esteemed letter of the 6.th inst. on
the subject of the Case of Swedish Nickel sent to
the Mint, has come to hand, and in accordance
therewith I beg to hand you herewith my bills in
dupl.^o amounting to \$102.24[¢] for which please
remitt me the am.^t - I shall be obliged by your
writing me when you require more Nickel.

I remain, Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Oscar Habicht

James Ross Snowden Esq
Superintendent U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia



Ernest N
E. E. Matthews Esq
N.Y.

Enclaves & copy to
Beu for Nickel
Check for \$102.24

Spence 11.1839

Mint of the United States.
Philad. April 11. 1839.

Dear Sir,

I have received your favor of
the 9th inst.

Enclosed please find check on
Western Bank payable to your order, for One
Hundred and two $\frac{24}{100}$ dollars, in payment
of all for one case of Mordish Nickel fur-
nished the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

A. E. Habicht Esq.,
2080 Beaver St.
New York.

Post Office, Boston,
April 9th 1859

Dear Sir

Having a collection of American coins, I am desirous to obtain the master coins of the present year. and shall esteem it a favor if you will forward them, directed to this office, per Adams & Co's Express.

Inclosed please find \$2.03 which is I believe the proper sum.

Respectfully Yours

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. M. Huntington

Taken by HRS for
exchange

19 Tremont St.
Boston, April 6, 1859.

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for the assurance that I am to have a proof set of coins in two or three weeks, and I will now beg to ask if I can have two or three sets more, including the gold pieces, for some friends, if I should send the money in bills on N. York bank in advance, of course. How much shall I send for complete set including gold? Can I not also have a set of 1858 & some other previous years? I want them to keep in a fine collection of U.S. Coins and am desirous to possess them in the finest possible state. Hoping you may be able to favor me -
I am, Sir - Sincerely yours, J. K. Higgin

19 Tremont St.
Boston, April 15, 1859

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director, U.S. Mint
Phil^a. Pa.

Dear Sir —

I have your welcome communication of 11th inst. before me, kindly offering to send me several sets of U.S. Coins. I accordingly enclose dft. on for one hundred & fifty dollars, \$150.00 payable to your order, for which I should like the following —

2	proof sets complete gold, silver, & cent.	86.94
2	" " except \$10 & \$20 gold pieces	26.94
12	" " including silver, cent, & gold dollar.	36.00
		\$149.88

which I believe is right. I shall feel exceedingly obliged by receiving the above as soon as they can be conveniently forwarded. I presume by your letter it will make no difference that I ask for more in silver than in full sets, as I have some friends who do not yet commence collecting the gold coinage. I suppose it is unnecessary that I suggest that each

piece should be put up separately
in paper, & very securely packed, in
order to insure safe carriage, But
the value & beauty of them, depends
upon their ^{entire} freedom from scratches,
or finger marks. I shall thank-
fully pay any extra charge for such
packing & selection, that I may get
them in perfect order.

You will recollect I have already re-
mitted for one set Silver, which
of course can come with this lot.

Excuse my long communication,
& believe me, Dear Sir,

Very Respectfully & sincerely

Yours

J. K. Wiggins

allow me to ask if yours of 11th inst.
is all written by Mr. Snowden, ^{own hand} as
I am interested in collecting autograph
letters, and greatly desire all the former
Directors of the Mint?

I enclose one dollar, if needed to cover
any expense.

J. K. WIGGIN,
P R I N T S E L L E R,

No. 19 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON,

(*Opposite the Museum.*)

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ANCIENT AND MODERN,

and has formed connections abroad which will enable him to supply the most rare and desirable Prints to be obtained.

Boston April 19th 1859.

My  dear Sir.

Enclosed are \$2. and two
3 cent stamps, as there may be a little
loss on a Boston bill.

Thanking you very
sincerely for your courtesy & kindness

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Winslow Lewis.

75 Baylston St.

J. R. Snowden Esq }
Director of the Mint }

April 23, 9.

Dear Sir,

I received in due time your letter of the 15th inst with the enclosure stated.

I send you per Express two sets of Master Coins for 1869, gold, silver and copper - which with one set previously furnished makes three sets supplied to you. It is my convenience for me to send you all the sets you ask for in your recent letter neither do we ever send so much to any one person.

The money you enclosed, paid for the two sets, and left a balance due you of \$62.96 which I send you with the specimens coins.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours obt^d servant,

W. S. K. Biggin.

N^o 19 Nement St.
Boston.

Samuel Pope Howard.
Director U. S. Mint.

April 23. 9.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 9th inst I send you a set of Master Coins of silver, and cent, for 1859.

I have placed them in the charge of the Adams Express Company, who will no doubt deliver them to you in good condition.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours very truly,
Samuel Ross Cheever,
Director of the Mint.

J. M. Huntington Esq;
Post Office,
D. C.,
Mass.

April 23. 9.

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 19th inst, enclosing two dollars and two 3 cents, letter stamps, and in compliance with your request, send you, per the Adams Express Co. a set of Master Coins - of Silver & the Cent - per 1859.

I am very respectfully
your ob^d servant,
Samuel Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

D. Winslow Sewer
2:75 Boylston St
Boston.
Mass.

Minist of the United States.
Philadelphia Apr 23. 1839.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge

Wm L

St Vincent Louis
J M. Huntington
L R. Menden

Boston

Advising them of
having sent part
coins to their Address
by Adams Express.

April 23. 1839.

~~Wm L~~
~~St Vincent Louis~~
~~J M. Huntington~~
~~L R. Menden~~
~~Boston~~
~~Advising them of~~
~~having sent part~~
~~coins to their Address~~
~~by Adams Express.~~
~~April 23. 1839.~~

No. 11

Memorandum of *Silver* Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for
Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S.
Assay Office, New York.

April 5th 1859

Nine BOXES, Nos 1 @ 9.

BARS. 91

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.
Mer & Spant	85	70	1996	10 899 $\frac{1}{2}$						Mer Dols	194	4	865	70 901
"	6	10	1995	40 899						"	5	9	173	4 00 901 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	7	6	995	30 900						"	6	9	173	3 05 901
Mid coin	8	3	294	95 899 $\frac{1}{2}$						Plate	8	1	119	95 907 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	9	1	179	70 894 $\frac{1}{2}$						"	9	1	186	35 799
"	9	2	263	20 855						Mer & Spant	200	5	992	10 900
Mer Dols	1	8	173	2 90902 $\frac{1}{2}$						"	1	5	997	50 899 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	2	9	173	0 30 902 $\frac{1}{2}$						"	2	4	696	40 900
"	3	5	865	25 902 $\frac{1}{2}$										
531005310										38732505				
										581005310				
										911737815				

17357.75 ounces Stand^a @ \$1.164 $\frac{1}{11}$
Debit for Coinage

\$ 20,198.11
100.99

Net Value \$ 20,097.12

No 11 Silver

£20.097.12

Rec^d 6th April 1855

I R Snowden & Co. New York Apr 4 1867.

Sir,

I understand from a gentleman with whom I have been talking about some California Sweepings that you have also on hand about 10 tons Sugar penny Copper and that it is probable that it would be sold at 22 1/2 cash. if so I am prepared to make that offer. and if not would be pleased to know the lowest price

Respectfully

J. Winslow

43 South St

Received

of the above

of 1000

Wm H. Wilson
New York

Purchase of

Copper Ingot

Circular Seal
to Wm H. Wilson April
9. 1839

Department of State;
Washington 7 April, 1859
James Ross Snowden, Esq
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 13th August,
last, enclosing designs for a medal, I have
now to request that you will be pleased to
inform me what length of time it would
take to make the dies, the work to be executed
in the best style of the art.

I am, Sir,
Your O^b. Servant
John M. Wilson
Assistant-Secretary

From J. To

Hon John Appleton
Act Sec State
Washington City

Reparation of die
for Medals

Apr 9. 1837

April 9. 9.

Sir,

In response to your letter of the 7th inst I have to state that it will require about six months to execute the dies for the medals you require, in a proper manner.

On referring to my letter of the 13th August last I find I was so unfortunate as not to retain copies of the designs, will you please return them to me with an indication of your preference, and also whether the medals will be presented by the President of the U.S. or by the Dept. of State.

The designs were terribly proposed, and perhaps it will be best after circulating your papers to leave the determination of the designs to the decision of myself

aided, as I shall be, by the artists
in the Mint.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

With great respect,
Your ob^d. servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John Appleton
Asst. Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington City

Leather Manufacturers Bank

New York April 7. 1859

J. R. Snowden Esq

Dear Sir

Will you please
inform me whether there was
coined at the Mint any cents
in 1815. — Also if any
cents previous to 1793, which
I have = Also the first year
of the coinage of Eagle & half
eagle. — Oblige, your
obd^t servant

Apr 8th. John A. Nelson.

Answered. Copper coinage commenced in 1793
Silver " " 94
Gold " " 95-
No cents coined in 1815 —

Wm L

John A Mesgren
Leather Manufactures
Bau R N.Y.

gains as
to Comage

Apr 8. 1809

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

April 7. 1859

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$ 26,267.44 in payment of invoice No
10.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq

Treas^r U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Wm. J. Cress

Treasurer

Treas. Assay Office

New York

April 7/59

J
Wm Gill Esq
Agt. assigned
U.S. B. Betting
N.Y.

Enclosing check 10
\$18 in payment
Bul for packing

April 8, 1889.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 23, 1855.

The Director of the Mint gives notice, in pursuance of an authorization from the Secretary of the Treasury, and in consequence of the present accumulation of silver coin at the Mint, that from and after the first day of August next, and until further notice, the purchases of Silver for coinage will be paid for in Silver coins only, and not in Gold.

The Silver offered for purchase will be weighed, melted and assayed, as usual, and the standard weight determined therefrom, in ounces troy, to the hundredth part of the ounce; and will be paid for (as at present) at the rate of one dollar twenty-two and a-half cents per standard ounce. The receipt given at the first weighing must be presented by the seller or his order, and usually payment may be expected on the day following the date of receipt, or the second day following.

For the information of bullion dealers, country banks, &c., it may be stated, that according to the above rate of purchase, the yield of various classes of coin or bullion will be about as follows:

Five-franc pieces,		99 cents each.
Mexican and South American dollars,		106 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Old Spanish dollars,		105 "
Revolutionary or "hammered" dollars, (often mistaken for the true Spanish dollar,) }		101 "
Half-dollars of the U. S. coined before 1837,		52 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
The same since 1837 to the last change of standard in 1853,		52 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Spanish quarters,		23 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
" eighths,		10 9-10 "
" sixteenths,		5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Mexican quarters,		25 4-10 "

Quarter dollars are proportionally less productive of premium, while dimes and half-dimes, coined before 1837, have lost rather more by wear, on an average, than the premium would make up; those coined since 1837 to 1853, will average a premium of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on their nominal value.

German, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian crowns,		111 cents each.
Old French crowns		114 "
German florins,		41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Prussian and Hanoverian thalers		72 "
Fine silver	136 cents per ounce.	
American plate, best manufacture,	120 to 122 cents per ounce.	
Genuine British plate,	125 cents per ounce.	

At San Francisco the purchases may be paid for in *Gold* or *Silver*, at the option of the Superintendent thereat, until a sufficient supply of silver bullion is received to meet the public demand for silver coin at that Institution.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Director of the Mint.

Adjutant of the United States.
Phil. Apr 8. 1869.

Sir.

Enclosed please find check on Western
Bank for Eighteen dollars payable to the order of L. O.
Sargeant, Assignee, in payment of bill for packing.

Very Respectfully,
J. E. Green

Director of the Mint.

Wm. Hill Esq,
Agent for Assignee L. O. S. & L. P. R. B.
(Box 2102) N. 42 Exchange Place.
New York.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

9281 1178 1199A

A. B. & D. Sands & Co.

141 William St.

New York Apr. 6th 1859

Mr J. H. Nutton Treas. U. S. Mint
Phila.

Dear Sir

Will you be good

enough to send us the certificate of
assay of 345.50 oz Silver Bullion -
for which a receipt no 159 - was
issued March 26th - to W. M. Lincoln,
which has been remitted to us? &
much oblige.

If a certificate has
been sent to Mr Lincoln, - will you
be good enough to send us a dupli-
cate of it to oblige

Yours

A. B. & D. Sands & Co

A. B. & D. Sands & Co.

New York

Apr. 6/59

Box + Cents

including Draft

4, ~~11~~ 1.48

Vault coin tray

117,711.23

+ Eagle 171

+ $\frac{1}{4}$ s 181

152,711.23

- Eagle

5

$\frac{1}{2}$ s + $\frac{1}{4}$ s

1,200

~~200~~

6.300

146,411.23

Sundries

23,501.02 =

205,323.73

deficit 46

sell 205,324.19

$-\frac{1}{4}$ E 5,000.

Delmar

On ap of Invoice No. 156 Draft \$ 542.00

11.

\$ 65.200

Bank of Scottsville.

Scottsville, Va., April 5th 1859

Director of the U.S. Mint & Philadelphia
D.C.

I write to know how much you are after of
for Mexican and Spanish gold & silver dollars
payable in U.S. silver coin.

Should you not take them at a fixed rate
for, would you take them and coin them
into U.S. coin, and at what cost?

Yours Very Truly

W.D. Davis Secy

of
Wm L

W L Davis
Barnd of Scottsville
Scottsville
Va

Pica of Silver

April 9. 1839-

April 9, 1891

Sir,

In response to your letter
of the 5th inst I have to state
that the Mint purchases the
Cuban gold coins at the
rate of 121 cents per ounce
weight, payable in silver coins
of the U.S.

Very respectfully

James R. Thompson

Director of the Mint.

W.D. Davis Esq,

Cashier

Bank of Scotland

Seattle

W.D.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16153

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

April 5th 1859

Sir,

As per receipt and invoice herewith enclosed, I have this day Transmitted nine boxes Silver Bullion, of the net value of \$20,997.12 in payment for which I will thank you to remit Silver dollars, at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

J A Walton Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

John J. Esco
Treasurer

Treas. U. S. Army Off

N. York

Apr. 5/59

No. 11

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Nine boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (\$ 2097.12)

Twenty Thousand, and Ninety from 1/100

for Transportation — 100 Dollars,

~~which we agree to insure against all risks, and delivery to the~~ TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, April 5 1859.

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John H. Key

ORIGINAL.

New York, April 4th 1859

Sir

I have this day forwarded for collection, by the Adams Express Company, Transfer Draft N^o 5423, on you, in my favor, for Fifty Thousand Dollars, payable in silver coins. I will thank you to transmit in payment, the following denominations.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Dimes	\$ 5,000.
Dimes	10,000.
$\frac{1}{4}$ Dollars	25,000
$\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars	<u>10,000</u>
	\$ 50,000.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant,
Wm. J. Cisco
Asst. Treasurer.

J. A. Walton Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Asst. Secy,

N. York

Apr. 4/59

Memorandum of Silver

Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for

Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by **JOHN J. CISCO**, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

April 2nd 1859

BOXES, No.

①

BARS. 779

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.
Mex ^d Span C	452	7 ✓	173	958978
Silver Bow	4	2 ✓	206	65684
Mex ^d Span C	5	5 ✓	995	95900
"	6	5 ✓	996	208998
Nick ^d Coin	7	4 ✓	796	758984
"	8	4 ✓	801	658965
San ^t Row	9	3 ✓	456	709124
"	60	1 ✓	159	70806
Nick ^d Coin	1	9 ✓	845	908998
S. A. Dolls	2	5 ✓	861	109012
Mex ^d Dolls	3	8 ✓	1731	809002
"	4	2 ✓	1232	409003
"	5	9 ✓	1731	80900
"	6	5 ✓	868	30901
Mex ^d C + Photo	7	1 ✓	175	20888
			71 1353355	

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.
Mex ^d Dolls	168	52 ✓	258	95900
Nick ^d Coin	9	8 ✓	106	258857
Mex ^d Span C	70	2 ✓	398	508992
Nick ^d Coin	1	1 ✓	101	80881
Dimes	2	5 ✓	962	809002
Mex ^d Span C	3	10 ✓	995	80900
"	4	11 ✓	2043	45897
Plate	5	1 ✓	137	009122
Nick ^d Coin	6	1 ✓	144	30871
Mex ^d Dolls	7	3 ✓	604	70901
Mex ^d Span C	8	2 ✓	391	108982
San ^t Row	80	1 ✓	99	008308
Nick ^d Coin	1	4 ✓	814	058972
Mex ^d Span C	2	2 ✓	397	158994
Nick ^d Coin	3	1 ✓	102	25884
Plate & Bow	4	1	44	256822
			48 860148	
			71 1353355	
			119 2213500	

Standances

13,460.92 @ \$1.21 per B.g. = \$16287.71

No 154. Gold ¹⁰⁰ 4 1/2 1-033 = \$ 19.22

Reduct for pointing, \$4.13

Coinage 10 4.23

14.99

Net Value ~~\$~~ 16302.70

Stand, our car

168 @ 178. 8.561.58 @ # 1.16 $\frac{7}{8}$ pr. st^o g. = \$ 9962.57
180 @ 184. (Deduct for coinage) 49.81

(Deduct for Coinage)

\$ 99 + 2.76

14.184 Gold ¹⁷⁶58. 2.858 = * 53.17

(Deduct for painting & - .89)

Silverally .03

Coinage ^c . 27 1.19

54.98

996474

Total net value, \$26,267.44

No 10. Silver

\$26.267.44

Rec^d April 4, 1859

Post Office
Ogdensburg N.Y.
April 4. 1859

Am Sir.

Are three cent pieces
like the enclosed, genuine
or counterfeit - please re-
spond as soon as conve-
nient & oblige

Yours truly

A. W. Demarest

The attentions in the den
when the standard

From To
Post Master
Oxfordburgh
N.Y.

3d Price
enclosed. - reply
that it is genuine

April 6. 1839

To the Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

I have on hand about \$300. in Spanish & Mexican coin which I wish to send to you. Will you please advise me as to the price which you pay per oz. Troy, or upon what terms you receive the same.

Respy. Yrs &c.

A. L. Butt Jr.

Elizabeth City
Pasquotank Co. N. Carolina
April 1st 1859

Bureau Sent
April 4, 1859-

From
A. L. Butt Jr
Elizabeth City
N. C.

Pice of

Silver. -
Circular
enclosed

April 4. 59

Banking Office of Wm. J. Welles,

(ESTABLISHED JUNE, 1852.)

Grand Rapids, Mich. Apr 4th 1859

Wm. J. Welles

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith, for collection

and my credit, returns in pennies, in Express,

my \$226.3 on Metropolitan Bk \$50

Respy
Wm. J. Welles

Correspondents:

Metropolitan Bank, New York,
Michigan Insurance Bank, Detroit, Mich.,
Merchants' Savings, Loan and Trust Co., Chicago, Ill. }

John L.

Wm J. Thos

Ben Rer

Grand Rapids

Mich

Draft for \$50—

New Cents forwarded

April 12, 1889

3/60
1860
22
191
22

April 12. 57.

Sir,

I send you to day, per
Express, Fifty dollars in cents
of the new issue, for draft on
N.Y. for that amount, enclosed
in your letter of the 4th inst.

Very Respectfully,
E. B. Snowerden,
Director of the Mint

Mr. J. Wells Esq &
Banker,
Grand Rapids,
Michigan.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

April 7th 59

Sir,

Your letter of the 2nd inst
has been received, also, the odd ^{amount} cents,
therein referred to for which our
cents will be returned to you in
the course of 60 days.

Fifty change is enclosed
herewith for the 43 odd cents.

Very Respectfully,
E. R. Anderson

Director of the Mint

Mr. A. B. Gittis,

Truy.
N.Y.

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Troy April 2^d 1859

Dr Sir

I have this day
forwarded by Com. T. Co 155 ⁴³/₁₀₀ in cents
as per Duplicate Bill of Lading Enclosed
On Receipt of the same you will please
forward same by Express the same amt in
New Coin. & Oblige

Yours Very Truly
A. B. Gibbs

Rec^d April 7th 1859
Gibbs

Saml To
chr of Gibbs
Lry
N.Y.

To
Marden & all
Cents. - all
change enclosed

April 7. 1839-

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

April 2nd 1859

Sir

Receipt and invoice enclosed,
I have this day forwarded by The Adams Express
Company, eleven boxes silver bullion of the net
value of \$26,267.44 for which I will thank
you to remit in payment as follows

\$16,287.71 in half dollars.

9,912.76 " Silver dollars.

66.97 " Gold Coins.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq

Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Cisco
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Off.

New York

Apr. 2/59

No. *10*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Cham boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *26,267.44*)

Twenty Six Thousand, Two
hundred & sixty seven ^{*44*}/_{*100*} Dollars,

~~for transportation~~
~~which we agree to insure against all risks, and delivery to the~~ TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *April 2* 185*9*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

E. B. Green

ORIGINAL.

Bank of the State of Minnesota,

Saint Paul, April 2 1859

Jas R Snowden Esq

Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of the

I suppose your department is supplied with copies of the laws of the united states relating to specie. If so you will oblige me by sending me so much of the same as may in any way relate to the use of coin, Gold silver & copper, as a legal tender. I have a case on hand where the above information in a shape in which I can use it, is of the utmost importance, and I need to have it before the 20th inst. Will you please send me such book or books as may be of importance to me touching this point and any other information will be acceptable. I enclose \$10. If this be insufficient to pay the expense I will send whatever more is necessary. Your prompt attention to this matter will very much oblige
your humble servant
Whitney Pres

Sir,

April 9. 9.

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst. I send you by this mail a copy of a pamphlet I have recently printed containing all the laws of the U.S. relating to the Mint and the Coinage.

But I state briefly that the following coins are made under an Act so stated.

Gold coins to any amount.

Silver coins struck ~~by~~ ^{under} the authority of the act of Feb. 21. 1853, a legal tender to any amount.

Silver coins struck half dollars, & lower denominations struck under the passage of the above cited acts and tender to the amount of five dollars only.

Cents, and made "current as money" but they are not a legal tender to any amount.

I remember the ten dollars you
sent me.

Very respectfully,
your old servant,
Samuel Ropes Newell
Director of the Mint.

P. Whitney Esq
Portland
Bank of the State of Minnesota
Saint Paul.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

April 2^d 59

Sir,

Your letter of a recent
date enclosing \$2.00 was duly
received.

We have no silver proof
coins on hand at the present
time but will have some stock
in the course of two or three
weeks, when I will forward
you a set for 1119 as requested.

Very Respectfully,

J. K. Higgins & Co.

Under of the line

J. K. Higgins & Co.,
19 Cornhill St.
Boston.

April 2^d 59

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th at 11th enclosing for.

We have no other proof on hand at the present time, but will have in the course of the next week, when I shall take pleasure in forwarding you a set.

Very Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

John W. Dunnington Esq,
No 167 Spring St.
N.Y.

April 2nd 59

Sir,

We shall have some silver
proof coins, 1837 on hand in the
course of two or three weeks
when a set will be forwarded,
to you as requested.

Very Respectfully,

J. H. ...
Secretary of the Mint.

Francis M. Lee Esq

Care of Messrs. Lee, Messrs. ...

44 & 46 State St. Boston.

To.

L. R. Higgen Boston
L. W. Duckworth N. Y.
James A. Lee, Boston,

state that seven proof
copies 1839 will
be forwarded in the
course of a few
weeks.

April 2. 1839.

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office

April 2^d 1859.

James Ross Snowden Esq

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:- Your a/c for the manufacture of Medals for the 3^d & 4th quarters of 1858 has this day been adjusted at the Treasury per Rep to 133.623 and a balance found to be due from you, on the 31st day of December 1858, to the United States of \$2.464.44; which agrees with your a/c, current.

Very Respectfully

Your obt servt

W. M. Ato
Comptroller.

To
Hon. W. Medill
Comptroller
Washington

Adjustment of
Medall A/c for
3^d & 4th Quarters
1838.

April 4. 1839

CIRCULAR.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 1, 1859.

Sir:

Some few inaccuracies having been alleged to exist in the table furnished by the Director of the Mint, and contained in the circular from this office of October 1, 1858, in relation to the value of foreign coins as compared with the gold coinage of the United States, and the Department being exceedingly desirous that the same should be strictly correct in every particular, the attention of that officer has been called to the subject.

But before any general or permanent revision of the said table be made, it is deemed advisable to procure from our Ministers and other Representatives abroad, such information in relation to the various matters in question as it may be in their power to afford.

I have therefore prepared the following interrogatories, which have been so framed as to elicit, it is believed, the required information, and respectfully request that you will answer the same at your earliest possible convenience, accompanying such answers with any additional remarks that you may think proper to make.

1. Of what does the usual currency or circulating medium of the country to which you are accredited consist?

2. What is the unit of value, and how is it divided? In the United States, for example, the dollar is the unit of value, and is divided into 100 cents.

3. What is the present and usual rate of exchange between said country and the United States, the money or standard of value drawn for, and received, being the same?

4. Are drafts from or on the United States usually paid in gold or silver; and in what particular denomination of money?

5. What is the value put upon the gold coins of the United States of full, unworn weight, at the national mint, or by dealers in bullion, expressed in the money terms of said country? And if our gold coin is too little known to give an answer, please state the same facts in regard to the English sovereign, or the 20-franc piece of France.

6. What is the lawful weight and fineness of the principal gold and silver coins of said country; and what is the remedy or tolerance at the mint for deviation in weight and fineness of the respective coins, as allowed by law, or used in the transaction of business?

7. Are both gold and silver coins legal tenders in the payment of debts, at their nominal values, for all sums?

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Your obedient servant,

Comptroller.

Comptroller's Office
Treasury Dept.
Circular

Relative to table
of Foreign Coins

April 1. 1859

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I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Peru Indiana Sept 24th 1839

Sir

Please inform me by return
Mail or at your convenience What coin
has or did have the Head of Washington
upon them. It was my impression that
they were only the five Cents coined
& that he was affixed to it & therefore
a very fine none coined. Please name
the date of that coinage if it can be
ascertained. I am sorry to trouble you
with so small a matter, but it
is of much importance to me to know
By complying with the above request
you will confer a great favor
upon

Yours Resly Geo Stanley

P.S. What are the terms of which old
Coins can be converted into new
Old Amⁿ Coins & Spanish quarters
J.S.

From To

Mr Geo Stanley
Peru
Ind

Head of Washington
on Copper cents

April 28. 1839

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia April 28. 1857.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the
24th inst.

There are some 12 or 14 kinds of
coppee coin with the head of Washington, most
of which were struck in England, by private
establishments, and none at the Mint of the
United States. They are dated 1791, 92, 93 &c.

The enclosed Circulars contain
the information you desire in relation to old
American coin and Spanish quarters.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Chew,
Director of the Mint.

Mr Ira Stanley,
Peru,
Indiana.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1859/APRIL

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1859/MAY

Waupun Wisconsin

May 30th 1859

J Rob Snowden Esq
Director of U.S. Mint
Sir

We send
you this day by Am Express
One Hundred dollars in
Spanish Coin the amount
of which please return us
in cents of the new coinage
and oblige

Yours truly

E & E. W. Jones

What discount will there be on
spanish coin if we exchange it
for 3, 5 and 10 ct pieces

E & E. W. Jones

Imm
Lt Col James
Hays
His,

Forwarding Special
Order
A Rep Powder Co
Jan 3, 1889

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Hartford Conn 31st May 1859
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We forwarded
to your address by The Adams Exp^{ts} Co. on
the 28th Fifty dollars in cents of old coinage
which we wish to exchange for cents of
new coinage. which we should be pleased
to receive at your early convenience

Very Respectfully Yours,
Thomas Steel

Thompson's Steel & Co.

Hartford
Conn

Thompson's old
Cents

June 3, 1897

AMERED JENKS & SONS

COTTON & WOOL
MACHINERY



Bridenburg Machine Works

May 31 1839

M^r. C. J. Lincoln, Act
Chief Coiner, U. S. M.

Dear Sir

Your favor
of the 25th inst was duly received, although
at the time our M^r. C. J. Lincoln was absent
from the City, which has delayed our reply.

We will build you "a Grinding Machine
suitable for the purpose of grinding your
Rolls from the journal" for \$1020. One
thousand and twenty dollars.

Yours Truly
Alfred Jenks

From
A. Lerks Don
Bridsburg
Pa

Proposed to Build
Grinding Machine

Jan. 6, 1859 -

Chief Comier's Office
June 4, 1859

Dear Sir.

I have received the
enclosed note from Alfred Jenks
son in reply to my note of 25th
Ult requesting an estimate of
the cost of building "a grinding
machine suitable for the purpose
of grinding our Rolls from the
journal —

Respn Grohlt St
Geo K Chiles

Chief Comier

per Edmnd
asst

Don^{ble} J Ross Snowden

To the Sec. Treasury

Report of monthly
Count & Examination

May 31, 1859 -

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia May 31. 1857.

Sir,

The usual monthly count of the monies on hand in the Treasury of the Mint at the close of business this day exhibited the following balances, viz:

In gold coins	\$67,274.50
In silver coins	293,305.78
In cent coins	17.61
In ordinary fund	45,330.14
In Repair fund	24.57
	\$405,952.62

In the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. the following balance was found:

General Treasury fund	\$159,981.56
Post Office Monies	25,058.05
U. S. Loans	22,539.49
Coupons	9,570.00
Disbursements fund	137,608.52
	\$354,757.62

Agreeing with the balances as shown by the books of these offices.

An examination into the condition of the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

Signed J. R. S.
Director

Hon. Howell Cobb
Secretary Treasury

May 31. 9

Sir,

I enclose herewith the usual statement
of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint during the
month ending to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Sam. Rep. Anderson.

Director of the Mint.

Wm. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

No. of Bank

Date of Report 2-16156

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

May 30. 1859

Sir

I have this day Transmitted by the
Adams Express Company, as per receipt and
invoice enclosed, one box of gold bars, of
the net value of \$12,983.43 for which
I will thank you to remit double eagles.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. Geo

Treasurer

Treas^r. Assay Off

New York

May 30/59

No. *15*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One box, containing

Gold Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *62983.63*)

Sixty two thousand, nine
hundred eighty three ^{*63*}/₁₀₀ Dollars,

~~which we agree to insure against all risks, for~~ delivery to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *May 30* 1859

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Hoey

ORIGINAL.

No. 15.

Twelve Bars of Fine Gold
transmitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage, in pur-
suance of the Act of March 1855, by Thos. J. Cisco
Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1859.

May 30.

One Box #1. containing

Gross Wt.

(Nos. 707 @ 718 weigh^{g.} ^{gr.} 3083.73 @ 99.3 ^{dec.} F

Stand. gr. 3402.382 = \$63,300.13

(Deduct for Coinage 316.50

Net Value, \$62,983.63

No. 15

Received May 31/59

Gold.

Net Value \$62,983.63

Treasury, Philadelphia

May 30 '1854

Sir
I enclose herewith a letter from the Asst Treasurer at St Louis asking for cents to be sent for the purchase stated which I will thank you to comply with, according to your discretion.

This letter also refers to the scales procured by you for that office pursuant to my request of the 17th July 1854, and which were paid for upon your certificate to Henry Troebner on the 2^d Decr 1854 upon his bill of the cost, being \$1000.

It seems from this letter that the scales have never been satisfactory, and that you are apprized of the defects. The question is whether the defects are such that they should be returned to Philadelphia to be put in order or whether this can be done at St Louis. May I request you to communicate with Mr Troebner on this subject and inform me of the result that the proper directions may be given to the Asst Treasurer. It would seem that Mr Troebner being paid his full price for a perfect article, ought in justice to make it satisfactory at his proper expense.

Very respectfully
Yours &c

J. R. Mendenhall
Director of the Mint
Phila

Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury

From T. J. J.
The Sec Treasury

Supply of cents for
Post Office St Louis Mo

In relation to Balance
made by Mr Froemner
of Phil^a for Office
of Asst. Treas^r St
Louis. —

June 1. 1859 —

June 1859

Set,

June 9

I have received your favor of the 30th ult. enclosing a letter to your friend Mr. Shingler, the Asst. Dir. at St. Louis. calling your attention to two subjects 1. the supply of cents to the Post Master at St. Louis. and 2. The adjustment of the balance in the Asst. Dir.'s Office.

1. I will send to-day \$100 in cents as requested, and enquire whether any more will be required to supply the P. Office.

2. The balance manufactured by Mr. Groenier was well made, and was carefully examined and inspected by myself aided by the workman who have the charge of the adjustment of the Mint balances. It was an admirable balance when I saw it in Mr. Groenier's shop. but when I saw it at St. Louis it was not as sensitive

as it was, nor did it work as well, this
was owing perhaps to the manner it was
set up, and the want of solid founda-
tions upon which it stood.

I have had an interview with Mr
Groomer. He promptly proposes to send
out his foreman to adjust the balance
and put it in proper order, this
he will do at his own expense.

The foreman, Mr. Edward Hoffman, will
set out for St Louis on Monday next.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,

Yours faithful servant,

Samuel C. Bowdler,

Hon. Howell Cobb,

Director of the Mint.

Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

Brooklyn May 30th 1879

Dear Sir

This medallion has been in our family a great many years my Grand father had it when he was a boy and we think a great deal of it on account of its having been so long in our family and I will not sell it for any sum less than \$50.

write soon

If you wish to buy it

Yours &c

Frank Deper

Brooklyn

P.S. Direct to me in this way

Frank Deper

Care Benfold Parker & Munner

Wholesale Druggists

New York

My Uncle Mr. A. W. Bage is going to Philadelphia in a few days and he can bring it to the mint if you wish to buy it.

F Deper

Wm Lof
Paul Loper

Brooklyn
N.Y.

Offer to dispose
of small Washington
Medals at \$5.00 —

Decline the
purchase thereof

Jan 1, 1854 —

June 1. 57

Sir,

The proposition made
in your letter of the 30th
will be respectfully declined.

Yours respectfully,
James R. Chandler
Director of the Mass.

Mr. Frantz deposed

case of

Thos. Payson, Boston, & Thomas
New York.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

May 28. 1859

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$ 23, 144. 69 in payment for invoice
No. 14.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq

Treasurer W. S. Mint

Philadelphia

J. H. J. Cisco

Treasurer

Treas. assay Off

New York

May 28/59

Brooklyn N. Y. May 28. 59

Sir

Will you have the kindness
to inform me, when the United
States first coined money, whether
Gold, Silver, or Copper, and what
denomination,

Very Respectfully L. C. White

323. Pearl St.

From Wm
L. E. White Esq
Brooklyn
N. Y.

Time of
Commencement
of Comage by
the U. States

May 31. 1887

May 30th 59.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 28th inst I may state that the Mint of the United States commenced its regular operation in 1793. (Some experimental pieces were struck in 1792. & perhaps in 1791.)

In 1793 Cents were coined.

In 1794 Silver dollars, half dollars & half dimes; also Cents & half Cents.

In 1795 Gold, eagles, and half eagles, also Silver dollars, half dollars, and half dimes; also Cents and half Cents.

I am very respectfully

L. E. White Esq. Junr & Co. Esqrs.
No 323 Pearl St. New York.
Brooklyn. N. Y.
Director of the Mint.

I, George B. Moore, do hereby agree and Contract to paint the Galvanized Roof of the United States Mint Building with the best Quality Patent India Rubber paint, first carefully cleaning the roof by removing all the loose particles of the old paint. The said Roofs be painted in lead color with two full coats for the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.) which is to include all charges for labor and material and work and cement necessary to prevent the leakage of the roof in any part. The whole to be done without delay, in a workmanlike manner and to be subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint.

Witness my Hand & Seal this 28th. day of May, A.D. 1839.

Witnessed at signing:
J. P. Castells.
J. P. Green

George B Moore 

The above Contract is approved

Samuel R. Anderson,

Director of the Mint.

Contract.

George B. Moore:

To paint mint roof
for \$800.

28 May '69.

Received of
George B. Moore
the sum of \$800
for painting mint roof
Dated 28 May 1869

Duplicate

Philadelphia,

May 28. 1859



FOSTER, Printer, 20 N. 6th St.

United States Branch Mint at San Francisco

Bought of **NATHAN TROTTER & Co.,**

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

TIN PLATES, SHEET IRON, SHEET AND BOLT COPPER, WIRE, &c.

No. 36 NORTH FRONT STREET.

All Claims to be made within ⁵ days after receipt of Goods.

40 Casks Pigot Spelter 44100

\$ 3528 00

40 Casks

100

4000

Portage

2000

\$ 3588 00

Cash

Per Order of
John Gray

Duplicate

Philadelphia, May 28 1859

United States Branch Mint at San Francisco

Bought of **NATHAN TROTTER & Co.,**

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

TIN PLATES, SHEET IRON, SHEET AND BOLT COPPER, WIRE, &c.

No. 36 NORTH FRONT STREET.

All Claims to be made within 5 days after receipt of Goods.

40 Casks Ingot Spelter	44100	8352800
40 Casks	100	4000
Porterage		2000
Cash		\$ 358800

Per Ship Jennie W. Paine

Duplicate



FOSTER, Printer, 20 N. 6th St.

Philadelphia, May 28. 1859

United States Branch Office at San Francisco

Bought of **NATHAN TROTTER & Co.,**

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

TIN PLATES, SHEET IRON, SHEET AND BOLT COPPER, WIRE, &c.

No. 36 NORTH FRONT STREET.

All Claims to be made within 60 days after receipt of Goods.

40 Casks Ingot Spelter	44100	8	352800
40 Casks		100	4000
Porterage			2000
cash			358800

Per Ship Insurance

N. Trotter & Co.

July 9. 1859

3 Bills

\$ 3,588.00

3,588.00

3,588.00

\$ 10,764.00

WATSON TROTTER & Co.

New-York, May 27 1859

Sir

I have a medal it has the head
of Washington on the face of the medal
and around the head is this inscrip-
tion Geo Washington born Virginia Feb
11th 1732, on the back is General of the
American army 1775 Resigned 1783
President of the United States 1789

it is Silver about the size of 5¢
it is an old family piece and i
will not part with it without a
good recompense

Yours &c

Frank Deben

90 Tilery St Brooklyn

Love To
Mr Frank Deper
Brooklyn
N.Y.

Washington Medal
Small Silver Medal

May 29/54

May 29. 9

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 27th inst. If you are desirous of disposing of the Duane medals you described you will please mention what price you put upon it; or whether you are willing to exchange it for some other memorials of Washington.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours obt. servant,

Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Frank Lejew
n^o. 90 Liberty St.,
Brooklyn
N.Y.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank _____

Date of Report _____

^{N.Y.}
To Sup^r N.S. Mint *Ivy* May 26th 1859

Sir. We shipped
by Planigans Line Propellers May 13th at
this place about pennies containing
Thirty one Dollars (\$31#) probably deliv^d
at the Mint 17th May. Please send us
new pennies in the usual way
I oblige

Charges were paid }
to the Mint }

Yours — G.W. & E.C. Allen

Direct to G.W. & E.C. Allen
Fulton-Market

Ivy N.Y.

No Deposits from the above parties
rec^d of that Mint since the 13th May to
27 May.

Wm J. & E. Allen
Troy
N.Y.

Deposit for
New Cent

May 30, 1889 -

Washn May 26th 1839
Colo James Ross Snowden
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir Our mutual friend Colo Geo Page forwarded to me at Washington your kind note of 12th Inst addressed to him expressing your willingness to have struck at the mint some plates for the Military Comfy to which I belong & I should at once have addressed you on the subject & thanked you for your kind offer, were it not that I found it necessary to determine certain points before writing which could only be done here.

I returned here but a few days since from Washington.

I perceive you seem to be under some misapprehension as to the quality of the work proposed. — They are not medals as you supposed but a raised plate to be fastened upon a gilded breast plate which are to be used upon Cross belts used by the Comfy.

I send you enclosed a pencil drawing of the design which Mr Mitchell (Steel Engraver whom I believe you know by his work) is now cutting a die to strike the impressions with.

You will observe that the Coat of Arms is drawn distinctly & is to be struck up boldly in Silver, then to be fastened upon a plain, gilded plate of about the size of the breast board on which the design is drawn. — These gilded plates we propose to have made here & to have the Coat of Arms fastened on here.

Our desire would be it would also be somewhat necessary in order to afford room to fasten the Shield upon the plate that the Shield should be struck up somewhat hollow, or as I suppose you would turn it in thick shell thus leaving room

for the fastenings to be soldered on underneath & yet enable the shields to fit closely to the plate - It will also have the advantage of requiring less silver being somewhat less expensive.

Mr. Mitchell thinks you could readily make them hollow or in shell containing from \$1 to \$1.50 of silver to each shield the quantity of silver being preferable if it is found sufficiently solid.

We shall require about 175 of these shields (possibly 200 & we shall feel greatly pleased if we learn that we have the good fortune to get them done at the U.S. Mints.

Pray excuse me if I state that the character of the Company is different from most others & the men composing it are of a class scarcely found associated together in a similar manner elsewhere. They are therefore desirous that their equipments should all be gotten up in the best style.

The name of the organization is the Divisionary Corps of Independent Cadets with a Battalion organization (altho but a company). - They were & are still the Governor's Bodyguard & have all the advantages of an independent Corps.

Excuse me for saying anything in reference to the character of the Company, but I wished to prove to you that they are a body of men who would appreciate good work & will equally appreciate your kindness in having the shields struck at the Mint if you find it can be done.

Hoping to hear from you & with thanks for your kindness believe me, very truly & respectfully

If not too much trouble please inform me if the shield can be struck as I propose & somewhere near what will be the cost of each.

Yours obt. servt
J. C. Amory Dexter

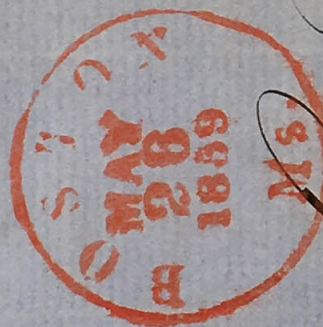
Inmt to

T. Hamory Dexter.
Boston, Mass.

27 May/69.

Cannot strike plates for his Military
organization.

all require
greatly for
them down
excuse me



Col. James Ross Snowden

Director of M. I. C. Library
Philadelphia

Pa.

May 27, 9.

Dear Sir,

In response to your letter of yesterday I have to state that it will be inconvenient to do the work you request at the Mint. If it were medals, as I supposed, you desired, I would state them with pleasure for your Company, but it would be entirely irregular to prepare plates or ornaments such as you indicate.

I am, with great respect,
Your ob. servant,

Samuel P. Bowdler,
Director of the Mint.

J. C. Amory Dexter Esq.,
Boston.

Mass.

No. 14

Memorandum of Silver Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

May 23 1859

10 BOXES, No.

1 @ 10

BARS. 170

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.			
French 1/2 lb	263	5	✓ 429	60	915	U.S. Disc	284	43	✓ 486	80	961	1	✓ 111	70	823		
Mex ^a 6	64	6	✓ 1044	40	895	Mex ^a coin	5	1	✓ 109	00	898	"	2	✓ 287	25	864	
Plate	65	1	✓ 96	60	819	Plate	6	2	✓ 240	40	885	Disc	300	1	✓ 83	50	958
Plate Bars	75	1	✓ 195	55	903	Mex ^a coin	7	1	✓ 115	20	794	Lake Superior	2	4	✓ 718	65	911
U.S. Disc	643	✓	580	55	968	U.S. Disc	8	3	✓ 534	85	953	U.S. Disc	3	3	✓ 491	20	972
Mex ^a coin	7	6	✓ 1105	30	897	Mex ^a coin	9	2	✓ 356	55	893	Mex ^a coin	2	2	✓ 286	10	900
Mex 1/2 Doll	8	5	✓ 863	85	901	"	90	4	✓ 723	40	881	Plate	5	2	✓ 203	25	858
Mex ^a coin	9	5	✓ 955	80	898	"	1	1	✓ 127	05	880	Mex ^a coin	7	10	✓ 996	30	899
Plate	80	1	✓ 87	85	852	Plate	2	2	✓ 264	80	865	"	8	4	✓ 762	70	900
Peruvian Bars	1	2	✓ 381	10	872	Lake Superior	3	8	✓ 317	30	752	Mex ^a coin	9	3	✓ 600	40	873
Mex ^a coin	2	2	✓ 440	20	899	U.S. Disc	4	2	✓ 456	10	967	Old Am coin	11	3	✓ 547	75	898
"	3	2	✓ 300	05	891	Plate	5	1	✓ 107	15	831	Mex ^a coin	12	1	✓ 156	80	874
						Mex ^a coin	7	1	✓ 133	65	892	"	13	2	✓ 348	00	890
												Sen ^a Bar	15	2	✓ 313	95	933
39 7080 85					31 4972 25					40 6907 55							
										31 4972 25							
										39 7080 85							
										110 18960 65							

18812.89 ounces Stand^d @ \$1.16 4/11 per oz. = \$21891.36
(Deduct for Coinage) 109.46

payable in Silver Dollars \$21,781.90

	gr. dec.	Stand.
Gold in no. 275.	195.55 @ 2 1/2	= 0.543
276.	580.55 @ 26 1/2	= 17.094
284.	486.80 @ 23	= 12.440
288.	534.85 @ 38 1/2	= 22.880
294.	456.10 @ 27 1/2	= 13.936
300.	83.50 @ 4	= .371
303.	491.20 @ 19	= 10.370

77.634 = \$1444.35

(Deduct for parting, silver alloy, coinage, \$43.40
94
7.22

51.56 1,392.79
Net Value, \$23,174.69

No 14 Silver

net, \$23.174.69

Rec^d 25 May 1853

Form 23 A

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

May 27th, 59.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 24th inst. in reference to the medal dies of the Worcester C. Mechanic Association, has been received.

These dies are preserved in the Mint. Silver medals can be struck from them at a cost of \$3. each, and in bronze for 75 cents each. They can be furnished upon two weeks notice.

Very respectfully, &c.

S. R. Snowden.

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Phenix Ball,
Clark Dist. County M. Assr.
Worcester, Mass.

Worcester May 24. 1839
To the Director of the U. S. Mint at
Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

Have you
a die deposited with you for safe
keeping belonging to the Worcester
County Mechanics Association, for
making medals awarded at their
Fair &c. If so will you please
inform me what will be the
expense of striking a single silver
medal or a single bronze medal
or if it makes any difference in
the expense if 100 or more are
struck of at the same time.
an early reply will oblige

Yours Truly
Phineas Ball Clerk
Wor. Co. Mes. Asso.

From the Phoenix Ball.

Worcester Map.

27 May 189.

Cat of Medals from Dies of Worcester
Mechanics Assoc.^{ns}

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

May 24th 1859

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt and invoice of ten boxes Silver Bullion of the net value of \$ 21,781.90 contains gold \$ 1,392.79 net.

I will thank you to remit Silver dollars for the former, and double eagles for the latter.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

23,174.69

Treas. Assay Off

New York

May 24/59

No. *14*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Five boxes, containing*Silver* Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *23,174.69*)*Twenty Three Thousand**One Hundred & Seventy four* ^{*69*}/₁₀₀ Dollars,~~which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the~~ TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.New York, *May 24* 185*9*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John H. Lee

Treasury Department
First auditors office
May 24 1859

Jas W Wallin Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your Bullion A/c
1st Qr 1859.

Very Respectfully &c

H Smith
Auditor

Official
First auditor

Washington

May 24/59

1859

12 8 6.00. Philad^a. May 24th/59
Tellert

Dr Sir,

I propose to paint the galvanized roof of the U S Mint building, measuring 26517 feet with Wm Butcher & Son's Patent India Rubber paint, carefully cleaning the roof by removing all the loose particles of the old paint. viz

Lead Color one coat. @ 2¢ pr ft \$530.74
+ do do two coats ——— \$800.00

Venetian Red or Chocolate one coat \$325.00
do do do two coats \$575.00
The paint to be mixed with pure Linseed oil.

As the roof leaks considerably the cement necessary and the labor for putting on being included in the above. The same to be done with promptness and dispatch.

Respectfully Yours
Wm Butcher per Schell

George B. Moore

From Jm Butcher Esq
Phila

Proposal to paint
Mint roof

May 30, 1809 —

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia May 23 1859

To the Director of the Mint.

The following is my Report of Assays of Cent Ingots, during the month of April.

		Percent. of Nickel.
April 1.	Melts 1408-1412, U. S. Mint (from Swedish nickel) }	11.7
2	Do. 1406, 7, & 1413-47, Mint	12.2
"	26 Boxes from Kensington	11.7
5	Melts 1448-82, Mint	12.-
7	Do. 1483-1518 do.	12.3
9	Do. 1519-54 do.	12.-
"	29 Boxes from Kensington	11.9
12	Melts 1555-84, Mint	12.1
14	Do 1585-1626 do.	12.2
16	Do 1627-68 do.	12.2
"	26 Boxes from Kensington	11.7
19	Melts 1669-1703 Mint	11.9
21	Do. 1704-45 do.	12.-

(over)

Percent of
nickel

April 23.	Melts 1746-87,	Mint	12. -
"	29 Boxes from	Kensington	12. 2
26.	Melts 1788-1815,	Mint	11. 9
28.	do.	1816-49 do.	12. 1
30.	do.	1850-91 do.	12. -

J. P. Eckstein
Buyer

Assay office, U.S. Mint
May 23, 1859

Hon J.P. Snowden

Director do do

Sir

Agreeably to instructions
in the case, I have to report a proper attention
to duty, on the part of persons employed in this
department of the Mint, during the month
of April.

Very respectfully
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

From Assayer U.S. Mint.

23 May '69.

Assays of Ant Metal in April, etc.

No. of Bank

Date of Report 2-16156

25th May, 9.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will please find
a set of the Gold Coins of the U.S. of 1859,
in return for draft for \$41.00 received from
you this day.

Very respectfully:

Wm. A. D. D. D.

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

J. M. Pratt, Esq.,
Boston, Mass.

Proton. May 23rd 39.

Dear Sir. I enclose

What I say draft for $41. \frac{50}{100}$
on Mess. E. W. Clark & Co
in payment of Gold Coins
which you were kind
enough to promise me.

Very truly

Yours &c

Wm Snowden Esq. J. W. Rall
also, some postage Stamp.

From Vto G. W. Pratt,
Boston, Mass.

May 25/59.

Set of Gold Coin of '59 desired
Sent by mail.

New York, 21st. May, 1859.

No. 29 Cooper Institute.

Col. J. Ross Snowden,

Director U. S. Mint, Philad^a.

Dear Sir,

For the California Sweep, now on store in this City as indicated in your letter, dated April, 13th, I hereby offer the ^{Philad^a} Mint value of the Gold & Silver present, as indicated by the Assays, less Five cents & 1/2, for that portion which is ^{of} ^{value} less than Fifteen cents & 1/2.

For the rest, which is of greater value, I hereby offer Seventy five per cent. of the Mint value.

I have now in Europe, Sweep to the amount of about Ten Thousand Dollars. It is proper that I should observe, that I shall not be able to remove the Sweep, even if ^{off} accepted, till I receive the net proceeds.

I have called on your Agent here, and informed him that I do not

propose to draw Samples on my own
behalf as from my great experience
I know the relation between your
own Assays and the European prices,
but that I wish to be present, when
he draws Samples, on your account, that
there may be no mistake in conforming
the different Lots.

I remain, Respectfully
Yours &c.
J. W. Farnum.

Ann

J. M. Hammon

25 May 69

Delivered by J. M. Hammon

San Francisco

These are the
the original

Col. James Ross Snowden,
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

From J. M. Hammon
N.Y.
Reference to books



THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

\$50—

Philadelphia, May 20 1859

Received of Director of the U. S. Mint
One Bag ~~and sealed to contain~~ Containing Fifty Dollars
cents to be forwarded to
Leukman Erue & Co
Ottawa
Ill

~~MARKED~~

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT

Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

GUSTAVUS V. TOWN, PRINTER, NO. 4 HUDSON'S ALLEY.

Geo E. Thompson



Banking, Land & Insurance Office

OF
Cushman, True & Co
TRUE & WATERMAN.

Ottawa May 17 1859

ILLINOIS

J. A. R. Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Enclosed we send
you our Draft No 4576 on American
Exchange Bank N. York for \$50. for
which please send us that amount of
cents of the new coinage

Respectfully
Cushman, True & Co

Cents will be forwarded
on Tuesday next. —

J. A. R. L.

Sum to Fushman, Truett Co.

Ottawa, Ill.

20 May '69.

\$ 50. in New York.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. May 20. 1859.

Sir.

I have to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for forty seven thousand two hundred and twenty five dollars, (\$47,225) payable out of the appropriation made for the support of the institution for the present year viz:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$5,975.00
For Wages of Workmen & Apprentices	15,700.00
For incidental contingent expenses	15,750.00
For Freight on Bullion	2,500.00
For Specimens of new coins	300.00
	\$47,225.00

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Howe Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Hint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

185

To
The Sec Treasury

Requisition
appropriation
current Quarter

May 20, 1854 -

No. of Bank

Date of Report

May 23. 59.

Dear Sir,

The specimen you
enclosed would in your letter
of the 20th be iron
pyrites, or iron combined
with Sulphur, and is of no
value.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours obt. servant,
James R. Roan
Director

Mr Robert Bacon
Milton

Northampton D.C.,
P.D.

Iron pyrites or iron combined
with Sulphur of no value

May 20th/57
Mr J. R. Snowden

Dear Sir I
here send you enclosed
a few specimens of Mineral
of which I am not acquaint-
ed I wish you to test it
and send me the information
concerning what it may be
let it be what it will
and by all means send
a specimen of it after it
is tested as I am anxious
to know what it is Please
write soon as possible and Direct
to Robert Bacon
Milton Northumberland
County

In care of Mrs. Richard

From V6 Robt Bacon,

Millin, Pa.

23 May '89.

Iron Pyrites sent for assay.

Richmond May 20th/59
Supt of U.S. Mints

Dear Sir Your
will oblige me very much by
informing me in what year the
first American Cent was coined
and in what years there were
none coined if any enclosed
please find postage stamp
by answering the above you
will confer a favor on your
oblt Serv -

Wm H. Husley

From the Hon. J. J. Fisk

Richmond, Va.

21 May '89.

Y
Years of Cent. Convap.

Agent of the U.S.

Phila., May 31: 38

Sir:

In reply to your note of 20th inst.,
I have to state that the first regular
change of Cents was in 1792. Cents
have been coined every year since, with
the slight exception of the year 1864

Very respectfully,

Samuel R. R. R. R. R.
Quincy, Ill. 1864

Wm. R. R. R. R.

Richmond, Va.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank _____

Date of Report _____

2-16156

Poston, May 19. 1859.

Dear Sir, Your favor of
14th May with set of Specimen
Coins was received & I beg to
return my thanks for your kindness
in forwarding them. If the
request is not improper will
you inform me if I can have
a set of the Gold Coinage
of this year.

Very respectfully
yours obt. W.
G. Wall.

B. Louisa, Queen

J. Rep. Snowden Esq

From W. G. W. Pratt.

Boston :

May 11/59.

Can a Set of Gold Coins
of 1859 be procured? Ans. Yes,
for \$1.⁵⁰/₁₀₀

May 21st 59.

Dear Sir,

I have received your
note of the 19th inst.. You
have been furnished with a
set of Specimens of coins
of 1859. on sending the value
\$41.50 - to the Mint.

Yours, Very respectfully
James R. Anderson
Director of the Mint,

J. W. Pratt Esq.
No. 13 Lombard St
Boston.
Mass.

In the latter part of 1857 I had ~~some~~
the subject of importing some ^{large} refining pots
~~was referred to~~ for the use of your branch
was ^{considered} ~~referred to~~ but in view of the number
on then on hand ~~the~~ an order for more
was not sent out. If a ~~set~~ any have
since been broken or become unfit for use
it would perhaps be well to have a lot
ordered to replace them. - ~~I may add~~
~~that~~ It will be about 10 months from
the time the order is given before the
pots ^{would} ~~will~~ begin to arrive at your Port

From Dr

Cyrus H. Stone

Boston
Mass,

Specimen from South
Silver Hunt 1839

May 19. 1839—

Print of the United States.
Phila. May 19. 1859.

Dear Sir

I have received your
letter of the 17th inst enclosing two
dollars and had postage stamps,
and in recognition of herewith
send you a proof set of the
United States for 1859, and the cent
in your collection.

I am very respectfully
your obt servant,

Samuel R. Chomley,
Director of the U. S. P. O.

Care of Store 42
N. E. Cor. 1st
St. N. Y.

W. L. G.

Boston Ms Mayor

Dear Sir

Enclosed please
find 20¢ for which I will
thank you to send me a proof
set of U.S. coin including the
cent It is for a collection

Yours Respectfully

{ J R Snowden Esq } Cyrus H Stone

Boston Post Office

Chillicothe Ohio May 19th 39

James H. Walton Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dr Sir

What is the

Mint price for buying Old Silver (Spanish Quarters
&c) per oz. Delivd at the mint - free of chg^s
Payment to be made by Chk on N.Y. or on any
Philadelphia Bk.

Yours Respectfully
S. C. Swift

Enclosed please find stamp

S. C. Swift

Chillicothe, O

May 19/59

Waterbury Ct May 18th 1859

Gas Ross Snowden

I sent to

U S Mint on the 4th inst
by Adams & Co Express 12100
old Copper Cents to exchange
for the new issue. I have not
heard from them to this date
I sent them without having
the specific directions of the Mint
I have since found the Circular
sent me from the Mint & I
see that the directions were
to be put in packages of \$5
or a multiple thereof - while
I sent as follows 1 3500 1 3000
1 2000 1 800 1 700 2 600 3 300
Please inform the Bearer of this

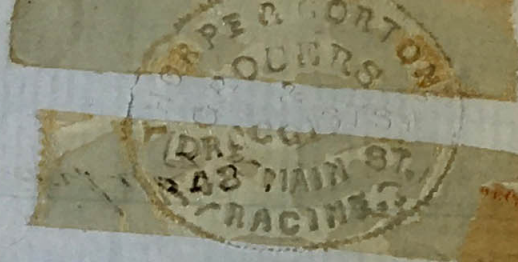
blunder of mine will effect
the Change at the Mint also
when I may expect a return

Yours Respectfully
Jas R Ayres
Waterbury
Conn

From / J. M. Ayres,
Waterbury, Conn.

23 May '89.

Redeem to sent to Trent.

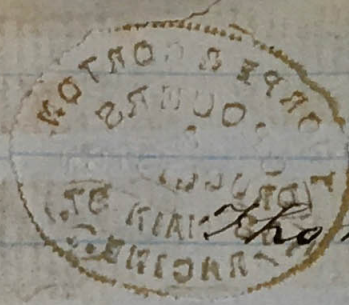


Gentlemen

Will you please say how we
could exchange our old Spanish Silver
Quarters and Shilling — for American
Currency by weight or otherwise
enclosed find stamp — a few lines
with greatly Oblyp Respectfully yours

Racine Wis
May 17th 1859

Thorpseorton



Thorp & Gorton

Racine, Wis

May 17/59

CENT CHECK.

Mint of the United States,

No. 1800

Philadelphia, 18 May 1859

This Certifies, That *John Brown* has deposited
One Hundred Dollars, in *silver* coin,
which will be paid for in cents to the bearer of this certificate, at the convenience of the Mint.

\$ 100.

To Paying Clerk.

J. M. Smith

For the Treasurer.

Pay to the order of
Geo L. Thompson
Wm Elk Adam & Co

H. Cronsetz

$$\underline{4) 154.79.2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4) 635.17 \\ \underline{158.79.2} \\ 635.16.8 \end{array}$$

$$158.79.2$$

To
Hon John Appleton
Asst. Sec State
Washington City

4 fine gold medals
forwarded per Express

May 13, 1839—

May 12. 9.

Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 28th ult. I have caused four fine gold medals to be struck from the dies you sent me.

The dies were in bad condition when received but were put in good order here. The medals are well struck; but I must be permitted to say that they are not ^{very} creditable to the government because the dies were not well executed;

it happened likewise in accordance with your directions will be found enclosed. It will be seen that they are not quite as heavy as was indicated in your former letter; each of the medals weighs a little over 7½ ounces. The intrinsic value of the four being \$619.17.

Respectfully, I have the honor to be

Yours very truly,

With great respect
your O^bd^t servant,

Washington City.

James R. Thompson.

Department of State
To Medal Fund U. S. Mint Dr.

1859 May 13 To 4 fingers made each of 750250 W 994 fine - 107792 = 107792
Cost of striking 94 each
16.00
1635.17

Forwarded per Adams Express Co.

Received of Edmund Stultz Esq, Agent,
Payment of the above bill
James R. Buchanan.
Director of the Mint.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

May 13. 1859.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$17,350.80 in payment of invoice No 13.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq
Treasury U S Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Eric
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Off

New York

May 13/59

W.H.C.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office,
May 13th 1859.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your a/c for the manufacture of medals for the quarter ending 31st March 1859 has this day been adjusted at the Treasury per Rep No 134.223 and a balance found to be due from you to the United States of \$2,526.40, which agrees with your a/c current.

Very Respectfully
Your obt^d serv^t
W. M. Allen
Comptroller

John P. Medill
Comptroller
Treasury Dept

Medall a/c 18th 2
1839 Adjusted
at the Treasury

May 14. 1839

2333
GEO W WOOD
DRUGGIST
Metals

No 247 Front St
James Ross Snowden Esq
Director US Mint } Dear Sir yours
of the 11th inst is recd per reply here to
state when I wrote you on 23rd I had a
lot of other freight to ship from your City
also expected the vessel would be ready
to receive it before this which ~~is~~ ^{was} the
reason for my delaying the matter so long
as I thought of attending to both lots at same time to
save trouble expense also of removing the Copper
twice the vessel has however commenced
to discharge & will be ready to take freight in
a week or 10 days & I hope you will give
me a further indulgence in ^{time to} removing
the Copper

Remains Yours &c

GEO W WOOD
JA

From
Geo W Howard

N.Y.

Desire further
indulgence
in removing
copper

May 14. 1889

Bedford Cuyahoga Co Ohio

To the Secretary of
United States Mint

Dear Sir will
you be kind enough to inform me
if in the year 1853 a man by the name
of Isaac Stephenson, from this County
deposited at the Mint or sent by express
to your office any California Gold dust
and if so what amount
I have good reasons for making the
inquiry and by complying with the above
request you will confer a favor on a
worthy individual

Yours &c B Lamson

Secy United States Mint
Philad^a

6589
6639

Stevenson — 37 — 135

No. 1148 W C Stevenson 46

No 4367 Wm. H. Barney

A. Stevenson 137.38

B. Lamson

Bedford, Q

May 16th/59

308 5

304
1800 1.08
100
316.92

303 85

4/1800 4/827 10
450 455
6
700

304.28 304

4/1825.38 4/824
456.34 456
1820

In

This agreement made this Sixteenth day of May. A. D. 1839. by and between the United States of America, by James Ross Snowden, Director of the United States Mint, and Mors Phillips of the City of Philadelphia. It is covenanted, that the said Mors Phillips, undertakes, promises and agrees to deliver at the United States Mint in Philadelphia, for the term of one year from this date all the acids which the said Mint may require on the following terms, to wit: Nitric or fuming acid strength 39° Beaume at seven dollars and fifty cents per one hundred pounds, and Sulphuric acid of the usual strength at two dollars and twenty five cents per hundred pounds, said acids to be delivered in glass carboys, at such times and in such quantities as the said Mint may require. In consideration whereof the United States agrees to pay said Mors Phillips, on the delivery of the acids at the Mint aforesaid at the rate hereinbefore specified.

And the said Mors Phillips further agrees to furnish on board of vessels at the Port of Philadelphia for the space of one year from the date hereof all the acids the said Director may request to be shipped to the branches of the Mint, except that at San Francisco, said acids to be of the strength

and paid for at the rates before stated.
In witness whereof, we have
hereunto set our hands and seals, the day
and year before written.

Samuel Pop Howard (Seal)
Moses Phillips (Seal)

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
A. R. Linderman

May 16, 1839. I hereby agree to guarantee
the performance of the above contract on the part
of the above named, Moses Phillips.

H. Lewis. (Seal)

Witness Present

G. Gayles

The above and foregoing contract,
it is agreed, shall be continued for one
year from the 1st day of July last,

Contract

Mass Phillips

Supplying the

Mint with acid

for one year from

May 16. 1839

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report
2-16156

May 13, 9.

Sir,

I return to you, by Express,
according to your directions, the dies
from which the four gold medals were
struck for your department.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,

Yours obt. servant,
Samuel W. S. Richardson.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John Appleton
Assistant Sec. of State,
Washington City.

200

5-50

200

5-50

To Hon John Appleton
Ass^t Sec State
Washington

Medals returned
per Express

May 13, 1889

Department of State,
Washington 13 May 1859.

James Ross Snowden, Esq
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir,

Enclosed please find my check, N^o 664,
on the Assistant Treasurer, New York, for
\$635 ¹⁷/₁₀₀, in payment of your account against
this Department; for four fine gold medals,
received with your letter of the 12th instant, to
the Assistant Secretary. Be pleased to
acknowledge its receipt, under cover to the
'Department of State'.

I am, Sir,
Your ob^t. Servant
Edw^d Stebbins, Secy.

From To

Estu & Stubbs Esq

D.C. Department

of State

Washington D.C.

Sent to Mr Stubbs

under cover to

Department of State

May 14 1889-

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia May 16. 1859.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the
10th inst. enclosing check on the Asst.
Treas. U.S. at New York, for \$600.00, in payment
of an order for five gold medals, for the
Department of State.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
James R. Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Edw. Stubbs Esq.
U.S. Department of State,
Washington City.

Phila^a May 12th. 1839.
Col James Ross Snowden
Director of U. S. Mint.

Sir.

As my Contract with the U. S. Mint for the supply of Acids expires in a few days, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject.

I shall be pleased to renew the Contract for 12 months at the following prices—

Nitric Acid, 39° Beaumé $7\frac{1}{2}$ per lb.

Oil of Vitriol $2\frac{1}{4}$ " " "

The advance in the Oil of Vitriol is in consequence of the high price of Brimstone for the last Eight months.

All manufacturers in this City advanced their price some months since, I did the same to all my Customers except to the U. S. Mint, being under Contract. I never like to advance prices except in extreme cases & upon enquiry you will find the advance a reasonable one.

Hoping you will give my proposal your Consideration, I remain Dear Sir
Your most obedient Servant.
David Phillips

Trmtd To
Wm Phillips Esq
Phil^a

Proposition to
Supply Mint
with acids for
12 months from
expiration of
present contract

Accepted

May 13, 1884

May 12. 59.

Dear Sir, — I accept the propositions contained
in your letter of this date, namely, to furnish
the Rent for 12 months, from the expiration
of the present contract, at the following
prices. Nitric acid, 39 Reams 7½ for lb.
6½ of Nitric 2½.

I take an occasion to say that you have
heretofore supplied the Rent with acids
in a very satisfactory manner, and I
trust that you will do so during the
ensuing period of 12 months.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours obediently,

Samuel R. P. Chomley,
Director of the Rent.

Mr. Moses Phillips.

Manufacturer of Chemicals

No. 46, 2

Phila.

Hon James R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

(Dr Sir

One of my sons has a
small quantity of old Spanish coin (some 30 or 40 dollars)
and wishes to know what he can get for quarters, leones
and peps; He is informed that he can get the old price
for them in new cents at the mint, if that be so he will
send his old coin and make the exchange, Will you have the
goodness to give me the information he desires and much

oblige Very Respectfully Yours
Stephen Wilson

Mrs. L. C. C. C.

From
Mr Stephen Wilson
Middletown
Pa

Exchange
Spanish Quarters
to

May 11th 1839

Circular Seal

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Porter. May 11. 1859.

Dear Sir,

My friend Dr.
Winslow Lewis informs me you
will supply me with Silver
proof coins of 1859 & I shall
feel much indebted to you if
you can accommodate me -

I enclose the sum named
in your letter of April 16th 1859
addressed to him. / say 2.02 /

If the request is proper I
should like a specimen of all
the coins as they are produced

from the mint.

Is it possible to
obtain a proof or other set
of Silver of 1856-?

Very respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt

J. W. Pratt

13. Lombard Square.

Frank

Wm Pratt Esq
Boston
Mass

Set of Specimen
Silver cmileques -
lost + enclosed

May 14, 1859

May 14. 9.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request
contained in your letter of the 11th inst. - enclo-
sing a 2^d bank note and a 3 cent postage
stamp - I herewith send you each of three
silver coins, and the rest, for 1859.

We have no specimens for previous years
on hand except what are in the Mint
Cabinet and therefore I cannot supply
you with those for 1858 as requested.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,

Samuel H. Greenman,

G. W. Pratt Esq. Director of the Mint.

No. 13 Cornhill Square

Boston

Mass.

Dear Sir

I enclose a letter for
your personal review from my
friend W. Dexter of Boston.

Will you oblige by returning it
with your views on the subject to
which it refers.

Very truly
Yr Obedt

Col. J. R. Menden

J. P. G.
272804.

May 11. 1859

May 12 9.

Dear Sir,

I have received your note of yesterday enclosing Mr. Sexton's letter to you.

I will cause medals to be struck for the Boston Company in Silver and Copper. We never strike them of soft metals or in harder any other metals than Gold, Silver and Copper.

If Mr. S. will write to me on the subject stating the number of medals he desires, and the other particulars as to the kind of metal and weight he will leave to the matter for him.

I am very truly yours

Samuel Pope Bowdler,
Director of the Mint.

Col. James Paget
Present.

From To
Col James Page
Phil^a

Application of
Mr Dexter of Boston
to have medals struck

Mary B. B. g

1849

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

100
 100
 100
 100

May 11. 9

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the
 23rd ult. and my reply of the 25th ult.,
 I have to express my regret that the
 Copper Museum referred to has not been
 called for. May I ask your
 early attention to this matter?

Yours, very respectfully
 Samuel R. Houghton.
 Director U. S. Mint.

Mr. George W. Wood.
 No. 249 Front St.
 New York.

100
 100
 100
 100

Mint of the United States.
Philad.^a May 11, 1859.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. with the enclosures stated, also, a package contain^{ing} the assay coins of your branch mint for the month of April last.

To
Mr Geo W Wood
New York

Call his attention
to his agreement to
take uppe

May 11, 1859 -

Lancaster May 10. 1859
Col. James R Snowden
Dear Sir

I desire to
trouble you, and as a friend
I know you will be pleased
to favor me with the most
satisfactory answer possible.
I have lately discovered on
Mr Joseph C Seferver's Farm
near Paradise some of the
most beautiful colored sand
of six or eight varieties, and
send you two of them, one
olive colored the other red,
together with several speci-
mens of ores -

1. The olive colored sand ap-
pears to me to be altogether
metal - It may be iron ore,
but I conceive that it contains
a small percentage of
Gold or Nickel.

2^d The red clay or sand may have a percentage of iron and gold —

3^d A small piece or specimen of iron Ore with variegated colours, which may be caused by the stain from Copper or gold —

4th A specimen of Ruby-Crystal or Titanium. I don't know which to call it — as it is too fine in appearance to be called Tourmaline —

5th A specimen of Galena which seems to contain a larger percentage of Silver than any I have yet seen, as found in this country.

If these specimens contain, as I suppose, a fair percentage of gold & Silver. I will feel exceedingly obliged to you, for information of such percentage

as my determination is to
develop or dig out the same
if your answer proves satis-
factory or encouraging ~

Your attention at
your earliest convenience
will be thankfully and
properly appreciated by
your s

My
Truly Resp^d

My
Franklin Peigart
"D"

Wm L

I Franklin Reigan Esq

Lancaster

PA

Specimens sent
for assay. -

Report thereon

May 14 1839 -

May 14. 9.

My dear Sir,

I have received your package, accompanied with your letter of the 10th inst, and have caused the sand and ore contained therein to be examined.

Numbers one and two of the specimens are sandy clays of which the red, or 1:2, might be used as a stain-harnt. No. 3 is a minute piece of iron ore, only of value as much if obtained ~~common~~ easily by the ton. No. 4 is a specimen of Rutile or Titanium ore of no value. No. 5 is galena, but there is too little to determine whether it contains silver and how much. But even if it contained a large amount say 100 ounces to the ton it is valueless unless it could be obtained easily by the ton. There is not the slightest probability of there being gold

in any of the specimens.

I have thus briefly stated to
you the result of our examinations
and would gladly, for your sake,
have made the report more particu-
lar, if the facts would warrant
it!

I am, very truly & respectfully,
your friend & ob't servant,
James R. Newman,
Director of the Mint,

J. Franklin Rijest Esq
Lancaster }
B

Post Office,

Baltimore, May 9th 1859.

Sir:

May I ask the favor to be informed if there is any possible manner in which you can dispose of dimes, and half dimes, and give in return silver coin of a larger denomination.

We have on hand a considerable amount of small coin, and if in the regulations of the Mint an exchange for larger could be effected it would afford us great relief.

Very Respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servt
James McKel Jr
Clerk
P.O. Baltimore

To the
Treasury U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Post Office

Baltimore

May 9/59

United States Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New York,

May 9. 1859

Sir

I herewith Transmit receipt and invoice of eight boxes silver bullion, forwarded this day by the Adams Express Company: of the net value of \$ 17,160.09 contains gold \$ 190.71 net.

I will thank you to remit the former amount in dimes, and the latter in gold coins.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Off.

New York

May 9/59

ORIGINAL.

No. *13*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Eight boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (*\$ 17,350.80*)

Seventeen thousand three

hundred & fifty

80
100 Dollars,

~~which we agree to insure against all risks, and delivery to the~~ TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *May 9* 185*9*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Hoag

U. S. vs Henry Schmidt } charged with stealing
} at the mint -

Hon James H. Snowden
Director of U.S. Mint }

Sir. The above named defendant was bound over some time since to the U.S. District Court and having forfeited his recognizance, writs were issued against his bondsmen, who have brought in the defendant and he has renewed his recognizance before Recorder Snow to answer at the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia County for the offence charged against him. I have thought this the safest course to be pursued in view of the difficulty arising from the absence of any act of Congress clearly giving jurisdiction to the U.S. District Court in cases like the present. If it is your desire to have the matter prosecuted I would advise you to consult with Mr Wm B. Man or Mr Loughhead the prosecuting officers for the County.

Very yours obdt.

James C. Rankin

From To

J. C. Vandyke Esq

U. S. Dist. Att

Pro " "

In relation to card
of Henry Smith

May 11. 1839

May 11. 9

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. respecting the case of Henry Smith.

Wishes I must acquiesce in the views you take of the law. Yet I am clearly of opinion that the proper tribunal to try the case is the U.S. Court, - and that the C. & Co. indicted under the act of March 3, 1825, Sec. 24 - not laws pp. 28. 29.

The offense is complete whether the metals or coin were committed to his charge or not.

It applies as well to such officials, and semi-officials committing to his charge, as where it is not so committed - but "shall embrace ~~any~~ any of the Courts which shall be struck or convicted at the Court." - Any officer, or person, whether the metals or coin were committed to his charge or not, would be liable in any case.

verdict of the Court if he embodied them
— that is to say, unlawfully appropriated them
to his own use.

But as you have transferred the
Case to the State Courts & will
require Mr. Lincoln, an expert of
the Cause, who is very familiar
with the facts, to call on
Mr. Mason or Mr. Leighland
without delay.

I am very truly
and respectfully yours

James R. Chandler
Director of the Union

Hon James E. Van Dyke

U.S. District Atty

No. 140 Walnut St.

Worcester Mass May 8, 1859

Dear Sir

I wish to get a medal of the Declaration of Independence cut by C. C. Wright I understand the dies are at the U. S. Mint — Can you furnish me with an and at what price — If you will have the kindness to write me in regard to the above you will oblige me much

Yours Truly
To: Sup^y of
U. S. Mint } Coors Gibbs
Phila

From
Mr Geo Gibbs
Norwich
Mass

Rept. "Independence Medal"

May 11, 1839 -

May 11. 9

Sir,

In response to your recent letter I have to state that the dies to which you refer are not at the Mint; neither were any copies of the medals ever struck at the Mint.

I am, very respectfully
Your obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint,

Mr. George Gibbs
Wrentham,
Mass.

Philad Saturday May 1st 59

Dr Linderman

Dear Sir

I was absent on Friday
and I will be absent on to day as my eye is verry bad
it is entirely closed up and the pain of it is so bad
that i can scarce keep the left eye open the Dr
told me to stop in the House a few day to see what turn
it will take I wish you would mention it to the
Director and ask for me his Indulgence for a few
Days. as I can assure you I am not able to be on duty

Resply Yours

Hugh M. Coffey

From

Hugh McLaughry
Conductor

Excuse for absence

May 7, 1839

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office.
May 6 1859.

Hon: James Ross Snowden
Director of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: I have the
pleasure of herewith transmitting to you
five copies of the Circular letter
addressed to diplomatic & Consular Offi-
-cers of the United States, Dated April
1st, 1859, propounding certain inquiries
in relation to the Currency of foreign
Countries.

I am, respectfully,
Your obedt. Servt.

W. M. A. R.
Comptroller.

From

Hon W. Medill

Comptroller

Treasury Dept

Washington City

Enclosing 5 Copies of
Circular sent to our
Representatives to foreign
countries in relation
to currency & exchange

May 10. 1889-

Boston, Massachusetts,
May 5th 1859.

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

I

desire to obtain, for my Cabinet of Coins -
not for sale - a set of Silver and copper
coins of the present year - If it is your
pleasure to grant this favor, please address

Most Respectfully,

Yours

Henry S. Adams
Post Office Boston,
Ms.

From To

Henry Adams

Boston

Mass

Set of silver proof
coins sent.

May 6. 1839

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a May 6. 1859.

Sir,

In compliance with the request
contained in your letter of yesterday,
I herewith enclose a set of the
Silver Coins, and the cent, of the
U. S. for 1859.

I am, very respectfully,
Your ob^t. servant,

James R. Anderson,
Director U. S. Mints.

Henry S. Adams Esq
Post Office
Boston
Mass.

Hitchfield, Conn
April 22nd 1859

Hon. J. R. Knower,
Dr Sir

I send to-day
by Express a box to N. S. Mint
containing

22 dolls in Old Cents

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " Gold

24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " Old Silver Coin

for which please send me the
amt (\$50) in the new one cent
coin oblige

Respect Yours

G. H. Baldwin

I
Mr
Mr Geo. Baldwin
Litchfield
Conn

Trusting
old Com

Apr 25, 1889

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 23, 1855.

The Director of the Mint gives notice, in pursuance of an authorization from the Secretary of the Treasury, and in consequence of the present accumulation of silver coin at the Mint, that from and after the first day of August next, and until further notice, the purchases of Silver for coinage will be paid for in Silver coins only, and not in Gold.

The Silver offered for purchase will be weighed, melted and assayed, as usual, and the standard weight determined therefrom, in ounces troy, to the hundredth part of the ounce; and will be paid for (as at present) at the rate of one dollar twenty-two and a-half cents per standard ounce. The receipt given at the first weighing must be presented by the seller or his order, and usually payment may be expected on the day following the date of receipt, or the second day following.

For the information of bullion dealers, country banks, &c., it may be stated, that according to the above rate of purchase, the yield of various classes of coin or bullion will be about as follows:

Five-franc pieces,		99 cents each.
Mexican and South American dollars,		106 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Old Spanish dollars,		105 "
Revolutionary or "hammered" dollars, (often mistaken for the true Spanish dollar,)	 }	101 "
Half-dollars of the U. S. coined before 1837,		52 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
The same since 1837 to the last change of standard in 1853,		52 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Spanish quarters,		23 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
" eighths,		10 9-10 "
" sixteenths,		5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Mexican quarters,		25 4-10 "

Quarter dollars are proportionally less productive of premium, while dimes and half-dimes, coined before 1837, have lost rather more by wear, on an average, than the premium would make up; those coined since 1837 to 1853, will average a premium of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on their nominal value.

German, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian crowns,		111 cents each.
Old French crowns		114 "
German florins,		41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Prussian and Hanoverian thalers		72 "
Fine silver	136 cents per ounce.	
American plate, best manufacture,	120 to 122 cents per ounce.	
Genuine British plate,	125 cents per ounce.	

At San Francisco the purchases may be paid for in *Gold* or *Silver*, at the option of the Superintendent thereat, until a sufficient supply of silver bullion is received to meet the public demand for silver coin at that Institution.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Director of the Mint.

To,
Gen. Geo. W. Bowman
Office of the Constitution
Washington City

Enclosing \$64
in payment for
Subscription to the
Constitution for one
Year from April
20, 1839

May 5, 1839

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia May 5. 1859.

Dear Sir,

Herewith I enclose my check
on Western Bank, (Phil^a) for six dollars in
payment of bill rendered for subscription
to the Constitution, from April 20. 1859. to
to April 20. 1860.

Very Respectfully & Truly,
Samuel R. Plimken,
Director of the Mint.

Gen^l George H. Bonman,
Office of the Constitution,
Washington City.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

MAY 5TH 1859

Sanosville May 8th 1839

The Treasurer of the Mint
Phil

Sir,

If not in Violation of the rules of the Mint
would you oblige me by forwarding a list of the value
of Foreign Coin, or does the Mint receive in quantities
the New Spanish Silver Coin $\text{\$20}^{\text{e}}$ in payment of American
at the same rate,

I am Sir

Yours Most Respectfully
J. A. Samuel

Ans'd Circular - May 9/39

S. A. Samuel

Janesville, Wis.

May 5/59

10/10/59

10/10/59

United States Assay Office

New-York, May 4, 1859.

Sir,

I send enclosed a statement of the business of this Office for the 1st quarter 1859, and also for the month of April, just expired.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.,

S. D. Butterworth

Sup^t

Wm. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Wm
Capt W. S. Essay Jr
New York

Quarterly Statement
enclosed

May 5, 1839

London May 4th 1859

Col J Rob Snowden

Director U S Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

By favor of your letter of introduction to the Master of the Royal Mint here, I have had the pleasure of a most thorough examination of all the details of their operations. Whilst I may congratulate you upon the superiority of our own Mint in almost every particular, I cannot omit calling your attention to one improvement in successful operation here, which I think would reflect credit upon your administration were you to introduce it in the Philadelphia Mint. I allude to the sorting the coin by separating the heavy and light pieces from those of correct weight. I subjoin the statement I obtained from the chief coiner which speaks for itself. These machines were introduced into the Royal Mint in 1853 when they started four which have since been increased to twelve, in that whole time they have not spent 5 £ in repairs excepting to the glass cases which cover them, they are constructed to weigh within the $\frac{1}{100}$ th part of a grain automatically, their sensibility is equal to the $\frac{1}{1000}$ th part of a grain, their legal limit each side of standard for sovereigns is = 0.2568 of a grain so that the machine is more than 25 times more accurate than required by

their legal limit. When the work in the previous departments comes bad they can apart twenty pieces per minute, thirty pieces per minute is their usual average. When they had both the hand scales, and the machines, they found the machines more than ten per cent more accurate than the hand proofs. The following statement shews their economy; in the last quarter of 1857 they weighed 5,000,000. sovereigns in 55 days, the saving of wages was between 600 and 700 £: sterling after an allowance of 5% for wear and tear of machinery and to create a sinking fund for purchasing new. The same machine is in use at the Bank of England where it was introduced before it was adopted by the Mint. The makers are David Napier & Son. London. York Road. and their cash price is two hundred and fifty pounds sterling each delivered at their works. I visited the Napiers to see if they would take off any discount to me for introducing them, but they would not. Dr Graham was aware of the French Machine being made for that purpose but he used at the rest say it is not successful because it is continually getting out of order, which I believe is your experience, the machine which you have being of French make I believe. My own opinion is that this machine works upon correct principles and must be more accurate than any hand proofs and its economy is beyond doubt. Should you desire to purchase one I would willingly attend to any directions you might wish to give concerning it, I would suggest that in the event of your

deciding to give it a trial you should send out a correct
coins of the eagle, half eagle and quarter eagle also
an uncoined blank of each size all to be of standard
weight. A letter addressed to me care of Brown Shipley
Her Liverpool will be attended to immediately. With
many thanks for your kindness I remain

Yours Respectfully
Wm. Sellers

P.S. The Napier. have two machines under way which
will be done in about six weeks, they have just made
two for Brazil and they commenced these expecting to
sell them to Spain, they have no order for them yet.

From Wm Sellers.
Liverpool, Eng^d.

May 24/64.

Addressing Machines used
in English Mint - Washington Medals, &c.

May 24 9.

My dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4th inst., I am glad to hear from you, and also to receive your Congratulations on the superiority of our Mint generally as compared with that of England. I intended to write to you respectively in respect to your suggestion to purchase one of the Mather Chapman's operating machine, but I am admonished that the mail leaves soon to day, which will connect with the first steamer from New York. I could not write you, ^{or} I write to day, prepare the coin and blanks in time. I will write to you by the next mail more fully on the subject, and as at present unburdened I think I will close now.

I would suggest that you make some
arrangements for securing a letter and
package from me, in case you
should not be in England. That is to
say, to open the letter and carry out of
any order which it may contain
on coin and bullion I may send,

I enclose a circular as I have
recently printed, the object of which
will, no doubt commend itself
to your favorable notice.

I am particularly anxious to obtain
^{as many} ~~all~~ the medals of Washington
it is possible to procure. I have
therefore to request you to procure
say, 3 copies ^{on a less number,} if you can, of all
which you may be able to obtain.
I would suggest that you inquire
at the Royal Mint for copies of
medals, and at such other places
as you may think advisable: or
also when you are on the Continent
have purchased them ^{there} also.

I will, of course reimburse you
for all expense and charges which
you may incur; and you will certainly
derive no harm from this,

Your brother called to see me to-day
and informed me I must write
to-day if I w^d. Communicate
with you by the first mail.
I therefore write in haste,
having much on my hands
this day to do.

I am, with great regard,
my truly friend,
James Ross McCord
Director of the Mint

William Sellers &

Care of
Messrs Brown, Shipley & Co

Liverpool,

England.

CENT CHECK.

Mint of the United States,

No. 1600

Philadelphia, 4 May 1859

This Certifies, That *Wm Wallace* has deposited
One Hundred Dollars, in *silver* coin,
which will be paid for in cents to the bearer of this certificate, at the convenience of the Mint.

\$ 100.

To Paying Clerk.

Geo. F. Smith

For the Treasurer.

W^m Wallace
Chambersburg
Pa
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cut certificate
\$ 100.00

copy

Minist of the United States
Phila.

March 31/31

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
21st inst. and in reply to inform
you that the same has been forwarded
to the proper authorities for their
consideration.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

To
Clarendon Harris Esq
Worcester
Mass

Thanking him
for the presentation
to Mrs. Cabot
of Washington
Medal

May 3. 1839.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Department of the Interior,
2^d May 1859.

Sir:

Under the provisions of the 4th section of the act of April, 1818, "To provide for the publication of the Laws of United States and for other purposes," and the act of the 5th of February, 1859, "providing for keeping and distributing all Public Documents," I send to you herewith by mail one copy of the Laws of the 2^d session of the 35th Congress of the United States.

Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the same by return mail.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Z. Thompson
Secretary.

Gas Ross. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint
Philadelphia
Penn

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From
Am J Thompson
Sec of the Interior
Washington City

Copy of the Laws
of the 2nd Session
3rd Congress
forwarded

May 5, 1839 -

May 5.th 59.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2.nd inst transmitting to me for the use of the Mint one copy of the Laws of the 2.^d Session of the 35th Congress of the United States.

I will be glad to receive such books and documents for the "Library of the Mint" as you may find it convenient to send to us.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your obt. servant,
Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. J. Thompson,
Secretary of the Interior
Washington City.

To.
Gen Geo W Bowman
Office of the Constitution
Washington City

Request Duplicate
received Bill

May 2, 1839

Barhien

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia May 2nd 1859.

Dear Sir:

On the receipt of duplicate bills
duly receipted for subscription to "Daily Constitution" from
April 20. 1854, to April 20. 1860, the amount will be
remitted to you.

Very Respectfully Truly,
Samuel R. Anderson.
Director of the Mint.

Yours Geo. W. Bowman
Office of the Constitution.
Washington City.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 21, 1859.

Sir :

I desire to obtain for the Cabinet of the Mint, if practicable, one or more copies of every Medal, Medallet, Coin or Token on which the head or name of Washington appears.

The possessor of any such memorial of Washington will confer an obligation by sending me a description of it, and state whether he is willing to present it to the Mint, or dispose of it, either for cash, and if so, at what price, or exchange it for other Coins or Medals. In the course of a recent investigation I ascertained the existence of sixty different Memorials of the above character, and there are doubtless others which have escaped my notice.

A few of these medals, &c., are now in the Mint, but I desire, if possible, to supply the Cabinet with a full set of these interesting memorials of the "Father of his Country." To accomplish which object I invite the co-operation of my fellow-citizens.

I am, very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

James Ross Snowden,

Director of the Mint of the United States.

20/ Various parties,

See Index Book.

23 May '89.

Circulars as to Washington
Medals, Coins, &c.

Newburyport. Mass.
May 21st 1859.

Dr. Sir,

Will you have the kindness to settle a question much agitated here, by informing me wherein consists the difference between the silver coinage of the U.S. previous to 1853, and the subsequent emissions; whether in weight or quality, or both?

I know your time is valuable, and dislike to trouble ^{you}, but you will confer a great favor on a number of persons by dropping a line with the information.

Very respy
Geo. W^m Hill.

To the Treas of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Rema

George W. Hill

Newburyport

Mass

May 21/59

Dear Sir

May 3, 9.

I have to thank you for the Washington Medalet which you have presented to the Cabinet of the Mint. It was handed to me to-day by Mr Edward N. Thayer of this City.

The gift is a very acceptable one especially as we have it not in our Collection.

The numerous Medals and Tokens which have been struck as memorials of Washington show the hold he had upon the affections of his Countrymen. And as years roll round his fame increases. He ever, and is new, and always will be, "First in War, first in Peace, and first in the hearts of his Countrymen."

Clarendon Harris Esq,
Worcester.
May 5.

I am, very respectfully
your obedient servant
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

United States Appraisers' Office,

Boston, Mass. May 25th 1859.

Dear Sir:

Your circular of the 21st inst. is at hand. The information asked for can be found in an article which was published in the "Boston Transcript" - a copy of which was mailed to yourself and my esteemed friend Mr. Tutin.

That article enumerated all the Specimens in my Collection - relating to Washington - a printed list of all the Specimens in the Mint Collection would be very desirable - as collectors then would be able to furnish the wanting Specimens: in hopes that you will issue such a list.

I am, With great respect,
Yours O^bd^t Serv^t.

James Ross Snowden, Esq. Derek Colburn.
Director U.S. Mint.

From L^d Jere. Colburn,
Boston, Mass.

27 May '84

Washington Medals.

30th Dicta, Answer
Enclosed

May 30. 59,

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 23rd inst. The article in the Boston Herald, gave me very valuable information, and I thank you for causing me to be supplied with a copy of it. I will ask you, furthermore, to print a list of the Washingtons in the Mint, at present I have not enough to make it a very respectable list, but I am increasing the number every day. When I print a list of such, of course, send you a copy. and I hoped to have your aid in making the Mint ^{Washington} as full as possible. I am with great respect,
June 10, 1859.
Samuel R. Bowdler,
Director of the Mint

Jessie Colburn Esq.
Boston Mass.

To
Geo A. Myers Esq
Richmond
Va

"
Washington Medals"
Washington Cent 1792 m
sow

May 30, 1859—

May 30.th 59.

Dear Sir,

I send you enclosed a copy of my Washington Circular, and I doubt not that the object I have in view will commend itself to your favorable consideration.

I learn from S. Collet. of this City, that you are in possession of, what may be called, the Washington Cents of 1792 in gold. It would be very glad to place that piece in the Washington Cabinet. If you will be so kind as to state whether you will dispose of it, and if so, upon what terms, you will much oblige me.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours obt. Servant,

J. A. Edgar Esq.
Counselor at Law
Richmond, Virginia.

James R. Buchanan.
Director of the Mint.

Richmond Mar. 27. 1858

Mark W. Collett Esq.

Philad^a.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 24 Inst.
is just rec^d.

As I do not understand the process of taking
an impression in gutta serena, I regret
that I cannot comply with that portion of
your request, but hope that the two
engravings I enclose will answer a similar
purpose. As with the exception of the Coin
in my possession being somewhat rubbed,
they are exact copies of its obv. & rev.
On the edge of mine is "United States of America".

These engravings were kindly handed me
by Mr. Charles J. Beardslee of New York
City, an ardent collector, and engaged I
believe on a work upon American Coins.

It is not unlikely that I may be in
Philad^a in May when I will take great
pleasure in showing you the Coin I have.

Meanwhile I imagine you can
obtain valuable information from
Mr. Buskell on the subject of
your inquiry.

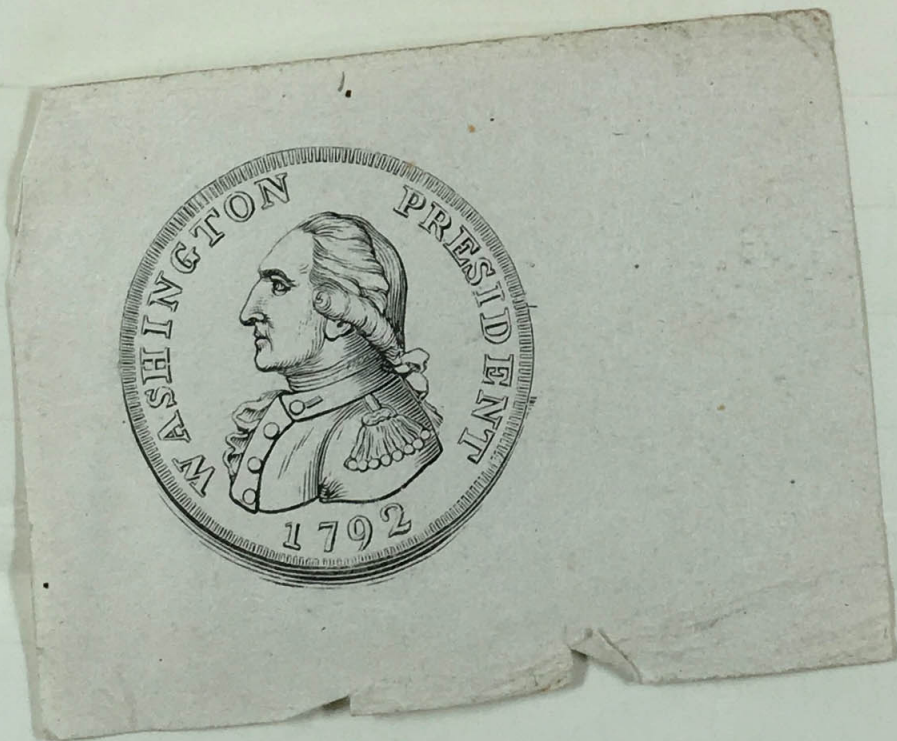
My coin as far as I have been
able to ascertain is a unique specimen
in gold.

It will give me pleasure to aid
in advancing the objects of your So-
ciety, although my professional pursuits
(as a Lawyer) have not directed my attention
to the interesting subject of numismatics.

Yours very resp^{ly}

Yours ob. Serv^t

G. A. Myers.



Buffalo May 27th 1859

A. Ross Snowden Esq

Dear Sir

I noticed an article in the papers the other day relative to Washington Cents. Medals &c. I have in my collection the following,

Washington Cent 1791 almost proof,

Dickson Plate 12. Figure 4,

Washington Cent 1783. Fine.

" Plate 12. Figure 2,

Washington Taken, Fine

" Plate 12. Figure 1,

Washington Taken Fine

" Plate 13. Figure 2,

If you will write what one you want I will try and get it, as I think I can get duplicates of all of the above, I also have the following,

Rosa Americana 1/2 Penny. 1722,

Virginia 1/2 " 1773.

Georgia " 1783.

Franklin Cent " 1787.

New Jersey " 1786.

Vermont Res Publica 1785.

Vermont Auctori 1788.

Massachusetts Cent, 1787.

all described by Dickson

Connecticut Cent	1787.	all described by Dickson
Nova Constellatio	1783.	
"	1785.	
Annapolis Shilling	1783.	
Immunis Columbia	1787.	
New York Cent	3	
Talbot Allum & Lee	1794.	
Louisiana Copper	1767.	

A full sett of Cents from 1793 to 1859 }
including the Nickel Cent of 1856 }

Half Cents 1794. 5. 7. 1800. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 25. 26. 27. 28
29- 32. 33. 34. 35. 49. 50. 51. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57.

Silver Dollars 1795. 6. 7. 8. 9. 1800. 1. 43. 46
Dime 1802, rare, fine
1/2 " 1794, very rare, fine

I have others, give you the rare ones only.
I have some 6 or 7 hundred different kinds
of silver & copper coins.

I suppose that you
have all the above named in the mint
cabinet, I would like the dates that I
lack of Dollars, also 1/2 Cents, I have two
Eagles 1799. I think they are only rare.
Have you any of the pattern pieces that were

struck at the mint, described by Dickson?
I should be pleased to hear from you. Have you the
Flying Eagle Dollar 1836
" " Cent 1855
Nickel " 1853.

Respectfully Yours
C. P. Nichols
Cashier

B & E. R. Road

Jm L

C. P. Nichols Esq

Buffalo
N.Y.

"
Washington Medals
Cents & Tokens
"

May 30, 1837

May 30. 59.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your
favor of the 27th inst. I am already in
possession of all the Washingtons you
describe so that it will be unnecessary
for me to avail myself of your
kind offer to procure them for the Mint.
It will be an inconvenience for me to
supply you with the coin you indicate.
I send you a copy of my Washington
catalogue.

I am, with great respect,
Yours obt^l servant,
Samuel Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

C. P. Nichols Esq.

Buffalo.
New York.

Dutchess Co
New Hamburg, N.Y. May 27/59
Jas. Ross Snowden Esq
Dear Sir

I send you a description of a brass token of Gen. Washington which is in my possession.

It is about the size of a half eagle. On one side is the head of Washington, & above it the inscription "General Washington". On the other side is the American Eagle, above which is inscribed the motto "In unitate fortitudo".

I will exchange this for a good impression of an American Cent of 1793, 1799, or 1804.

Your obt. servant
James John Van Alen
per J.H.A.

From To
James John Van Alstyne
New Hamburg
N.Y.

"Washington Medal"
Small Brass To Red
May 30, 1859

May 30. 59.

Dear Sir,

I have received your favor
of the 27th inst: but as I already possess
Copies of the Washington Token your
description it will be unnecessary for
you to send it to me.

I am, very respectfully

Yours ob^l servant,

James R. McDowell

Director of the Mint.

James John Van Allen Esq
New Hamburg
Dutchess Co.
New York

OFFICE OF
Petersons' Counterfeit Detector and Bank Note List.

306 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

CORRECTED BY

DREXEL & CO., Bankers and Brokers, 34 South Third St., Philadelphia.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

MONTHLY, per annum.....\$1.00. | SEMI-MONTHLY, per annum.....2.00.

J. Ross Snowden & May 30th 1859
Dear Sir
I saw in the paper of Saturday
that you had circulars which
you were addressing to various
persons relative to Washington
Medals &c
Will you please send me one
and perhaps I can further your
distribution of the same

Very Respectfully

Wm. A. Label
Petersons' Detector

Sent a circular

From
Peter Sam Delecta
Phie⁹

Washington Meade
bicular

May 31, 1859

bicular Sept

Northampton T.P. May 31/59

Sir I see a notice in the ledger that you wish to
buy old coins I have the washington of 1791 and the
the coin of 1787 that has the thirteen links and mind your
business on it a quater dollar of 1818 and a five cent of
1829 likewise a spanish half dollar 1734 all in good
order and plain all which I have had since 1814
please send me word what you will give me for
the above coins direct to Attelborough post office
Bucks county
W^r Snowden

yours - A. G. M.
Christian Sulger

Right soon as I wish to leave home the last of this
week

June 11 58

Dear Sir,
I am much obliged to you
for your letter of yesterday,
but as I have received orders
to the effect of Mr. (name)
it will be necessary to
forward the same to your
proper authorities.

The other you should
send to the Cabinet of the Bank
I am, Sir, very truly
Yours,
John Lubbock

John Lubbock
Esq.
The Bank of England

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia

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From To
Christian Sulzer
Attelbrough
Bucks Co
Pa

Washington medals.
cent of 1787 + 1791

June 1, 1854

1859

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1857/MAY

